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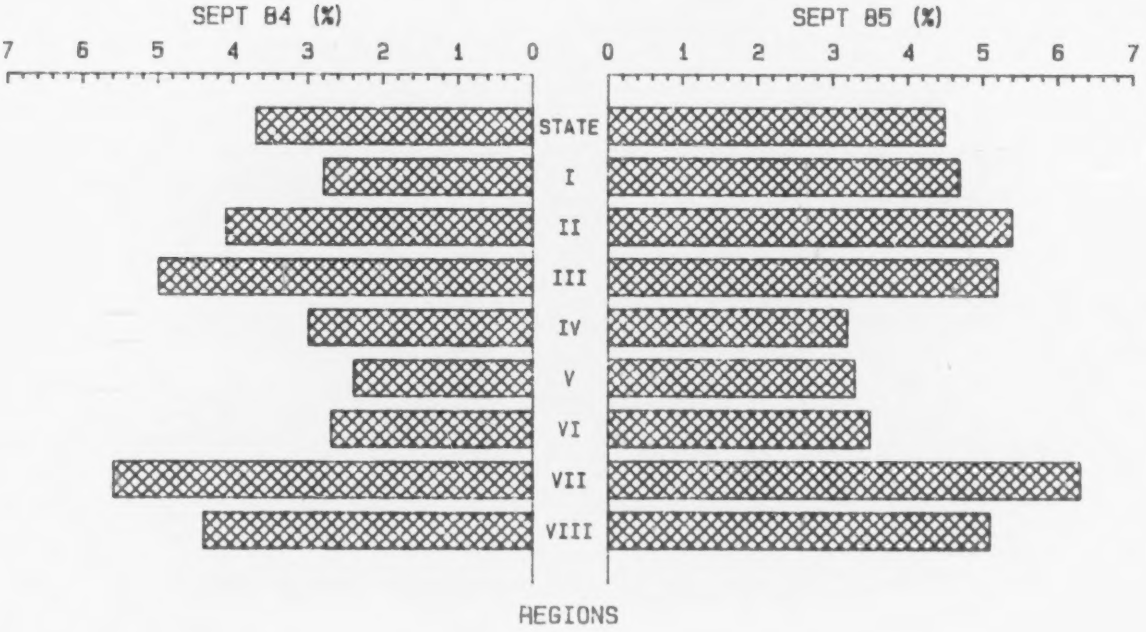

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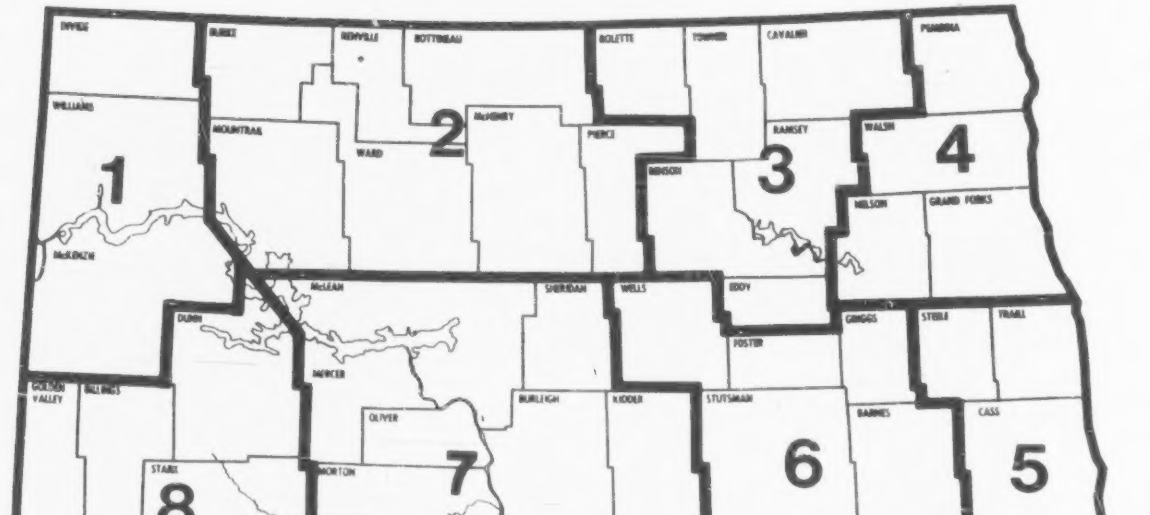
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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

				Percent Change From	
Industry	Current Month Sept. 1985	Previous Month Aug. 1985	One Year Ago Sept. 1984	One Month Ago Aug. 1985	One Year Ago Sept. 1984
TOTAL	253,620	252,170	256,980	0.6	-1.3
MINING	6,850	7,030	7,670	-2.6	-10.7
Coal	1,340	1,380	1,340	-2.9	-0-
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,970	5,100	5,760	-2.5	-13.7
Other Mining	540	550	570	-1.8	-5.3
CONSTRUCTION	12,990	13,210	16,540	-1.7	-21.5
Building Construction	3,630	3,750	4,230	-3.2	-14.2
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,770	3,830	5,400	-1.6	-30.2
Special Trade Construction	5,590	5,630	6,910	-0.7	-19.1
MANUFACTURING	15,400	15,350	15,900	0.3	-3.1
Durable Goods	6,380	6,560	6,680	-2.7	-4.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass	900	970	940	-7.2	-4.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	770	790	740	-2.5	4.1
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,700	3,800	3,950	-2.6	-6.3
Other Durable Goods	1,010	1,000	1,050	1.0	-3.8
Nondurable Goods	9,020	8,790	9,220	2.6	-2.2
Food & Kindred Products	4,380	4,110	4,620	6.6	-5.2
Dairy Products	890	950	890	-6.3	-0-
Food Specialties					
Confectionery Products	1,450	1,090	1,760	33.0	-17.6
Bakery Products	440	440	450	-0-	-2.2
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,600	1,630	1,520	-1.8	5.3
Printing & Publishing	2,470	2,490	2,410	-0.8	2.5
Other Nondurable Goods	2,170	2,190	2,190	-0.9	-0.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,680	16,620	16,700	0.4	-0.1
Transportation	8,060	7,860	8,170	2.5	-1.3
Trucking & Warehousing	4,420	4,370	4,470	1.1	-1.1
Other Transportation	3,640	3,490	3,700	4.3	-1.6
Communications	3,420	3,450	3,420	-0.9	-0-
Public Utilities	5,200	5,310	5,110	-2.1	1.8

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,500	20,740	20,850	-1.2	-1.7
Durable Goods	10,170	10,320	10,470	-1.5	-2.9
Nondurable Goods	10,330	10,420	10,380	-0.9	-0.5
RETAIL TRADE	49,040	49,120	47,890	-0.2	2.4
General Merchandise	6,080	5,990	5,880	1.5	3.4
Food Stores	6,400	6,400	6,420	-0-	-0.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,930	6,950	6,700	-0.3	3.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,900	2,930	2,890	-1.0	0.3
Other Retail	26,730	26,850	26,000	-0.4	2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,500	12,250	-0.8	1.2
Finance	6,840	6,880	6,750	-0.6	1.3
Banking	4,310	4,360	4,330	-1.1	-0.5
Other Finance	2,530	2,520	2,420	0.4	4.5
Insurance	3,670	3,710	3,640	-1.1	0.8
Real Estate	1,890	1,910	1,860	-1.0	1.6
SERVICES	58,460	58,110	58,010	0.6	0.8
Lodging	4,380	4,400	4,620	-0.5	-5.2
Nursing & Personal Care	6,060	6,150	5,940	-1.5	2.0
Hospitals	12,500	12,640	13,000	-1.1	-3.8
Other Medical	6,520	6,540	6,120	-0.3	6.5
Other Services	29,000	28,380	28,330	2.2	2.4
GOVERNMENT	61,300	59,490	61,170	3.0	0.2
Federal	9,450	9,570	9,320	-1.3	1.4
State Government	17,550	16,680	18,010	5.2	-2.6
Educational Services	10,580	9,370	11,300	12.9	-6.4
Other State Government	6,970	7,310	6,710	-4.7	3.9
Local Government	34,300	33,240	33,840	3.2	1.4
Educational Services	15,880	13,040	15,790	21.8	0.6
Other Local Government	18,420	20,200	18,050	-8.8	2.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month Sept. 1985	Previous Month Aug. 1985	One Year Ago Sept. 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago Aug. 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago Sept. 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,750	66,010	66,370	1.1	0.6
Mining & Construction	3,970	4,020	3,930	-1.2	1.0
Manufacturing	5,030	4,910	5,160	2.4	-2.5
Durable Goods	2,020	2,040	2,240	-1.0	-9.8
Nondurable Goods	3,010	2,870	2,920	4.9	3.1
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,080	3,980	4,020	2.5	1.5
Trade	20,830	20,720	19,970	0.5	4.3
Wholesale Trade	7,000	7,040	6,820	-0.6	2.6
Retail Trade	13,830	13,680	13,150	1.1	5.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,380	4,410	4,150	-0.7	5.5
Services	16,990	16,900	16,240	0.5	4.6
Government	11,470	11,070	12,900	3.6	-11.1
Federal	2,150	2,110	2,010	1.9	7.0
State & Local	9,320	8,960	10,890	4.0	-14.4
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,180	27,650	27,380	1.9	2.9
Mining & Construction	1,680	1,760	1,630	-4.5	3.1
Manufacturing	1,320	1,120	1,300	17.9	1.5
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,570	1,510	1,580	4.0	-0.6
Trade	8,590	8,460	7,920	1.5	8.5
Wholesale Trade	1,430	1,430	1,410	-0-	1.4
Retail Trade	7,160	7,030	6,510	1.8	10.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,110	1,060	-1.8	2.8
Services	6,000	5,890	5,930	1.9	1.2
Government	7,930	7,800	7,960	1.7	-0.4
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,620	36,240	36,310	1.0	0.9
Mining	230	240	220	-4.2	4.5
Construction	1,900	1,890	2,120	0.5	-10.4
Manufacturing	1,960	2,000	2,060	-2.0	-4.9
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,840	2,830	2,890	0.4	-1.7
Trade	9,830	9,960	9,600	-1.3	2.4
Wholesale Trade	2,590	2,630	2,560	-1.5	1.2
Retail Trade	7,240	7,330	7,040	-1.2	2.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,690	1,710	1,680	-1.2	0.6
Services	10,210	9,810	9,980	4.1	2.3
Government	7,960	7,800	7,760	2.1	2.6

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Sept. 1985	Previous Month Aug. 1985	One Year Ago Sept. 1984	Percent Change From Aug. 1985	Percent Change From Sept. 1984
All Items	311.1	324.5	323.5	314.5	0.3	3.2
Food & Beverage	295.1	302.1	301.8	296.4	0.1	1.9
Housing	336.5	353.8	352.9	341.4	0.3	3.6
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	209.6	205.3	204.2	2.1	2.6
Transportation	311.7	319.7	320.7	313.7	-0.3	1.9
Medical Care	379.5	408.3	406.6	383.1	0.4	6.6
Entertainment	255.1	266.8	265.7	257.3	0.4	3.7

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Sept. 1985	Previous Month Aug. 1985	One Year Ago Sept. 1984	Percent Change From Aug. 1985	Percent Change From Sept. 1984
All Commodities	310.3	305.8	307.2	309.5	-0.5	-1.2
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	241.4	244.4	259.6	-1.2	-7.0
Industrial Commodities	322.6	322.5	323.6	322.3	-0.3	0.1

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	389.23	383.94	376.07	40.8	40.5	40.7	9.54	9.48	9.24
Durable Goods	419.80	412.46	406.29	41.4	41.0	41.5	10.14	10.06	9.79
Nondurable Goods	348.40	343.80	335.07	40.0	39.7	39.7	8.71	8.66	8.44
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	312.24	306.23	310.07	38.5	37.9	39.2	8.11	8.08	7.91
Durable Goods	331.45	329.11	332.91	39.6	39.7	40.5	8.37	8.29	8.22
Nondurable Goods	298.58	288.72	294.53	37.7	36.5	38.3	7.92	7.91	7.69
Food & Kindred	323.20	324.30	319.20	40.0	39.5	40.1	8.08	8.21	7.96
Printing & Publishing	281.90	270.25	254.84	33.6	32.6	33.4	8.39	8.29	7.63
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	323.85	314.07	321.09	38.1	37.3	38.5	8.50	8.42	8.34
Durable Goods	334.84	317.89	329.67	39.3	38.3	39.2	8.52	8.30	8.41
Nondurable Goods	317.90	312.32	315.85	37.4	36.7	38.1	8.50	8.51	8.29

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Divide	1,958	2,215	1,860	1,916	2,152	1,807	42	63	53	2.1	2.8	2.8
McKenzie	4,238	4,705	4,130	4,105	4,544	3,999	133	161	131	3.1	3.4	3.2
Williams	15,059	16,122	15,086	14,242	15,227	14,683	817	895	403	5.4	5.6	2.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	21,255	23,042	21,076	20,263	21,923	20,489	992	1,119	587	4.7	4.9	2.8
Bottineau	4,787	5,201	4,468	4,531	4,930	4,357	256	271	111	5.3	5.2	2.5
Burke	2,262	2,473	2,172	2,159	2,324	2,076	103	149	96	4.6	6.0	4.4
McHenry	3,591	3,981	3,607	3,334	3,653	3,371	257	328	236	7.2	8.2	6.5
Mountrail	3,914	4,257	3,881	3,701	3,975	3,675	213	282	206	5.4	6.6	5.3
Pierce	3,332	3,657	3,339	3,223	3,547	3,252	109	110	87	3.3	3.0	2.6
Renville	1,820	2,003	1,727	1,739	1,902	1,667	81	101	60	4.5	5.0	3.5
Ward	25,734	26,493	25,979	24,300	25,037	24,910	1,434	1,456	1,069	5.6	5.5	4.1
REGION 2 TOTAL	45,440	48,065	45,173	42,987	45,368	43,308	2,453	2,697	1,865	5.4	5.6	4.1
Benson	3,701	4,060	3,518	3,464	3,759	3,274	237	301	244	6.4	7.4	6.9
Cavalier	3,888	4,345	3,820	3,764	4,173	3,710	124	172	110	3.2	4.0	2.9
Eddy	1,847	2,017	1,861	1,751	1,920	1,797	96	97	64	5.2	4.8	3.4
Ramsey	7,153	7,656	6,959	6,852	7,364	6,710	301	292	249	4.2	3.8	3.6
Rolette	5,154	5,470	5,257	4,698	4,850	4,763	456	620	494	8.8	11.3	9.4
Towner	2,461	2,798	2,500	2,414	2,723	2,458	47	75	42	1.9	2.7	1.7
REGION 3 TOTAL	24,204	26,346	23,915	22,943	24,789	22,712	1,261	1,557	1,203	5.2	5.9	5.0
Grand Forks	31,589	32,238	29,545	30,698	31,028	28,740	891	1,210	805	2.8	3.8	2.7
Nelson	2,920	3,301	2,863	2,827	3,179	2,785	93	122	78	3.2	3.7	2.7
Pembina	6,501	6,970	6,527	6,200	6,498	6,239	301	472	288	4.6	6.8	4.4
Walsh	9,680	10,296	9,230	9,334	9,833	8,958	346	463	272	3.6	4.5	2.9
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,690	52,805	48,165	49,059	50,538	46,722	1,631	2,267	1,443	3.2	4.3	3.0
Cass	50,844	51,630	48,195	49,264	49,963	47,084	1,580	1,667	1,111	3.1	3.2	2.3
Ransom	3,093	3,411	3,128	3,007	3,300	3,041	86	111	87	2.8	3.3	2.8
Richland	10,269	10,267	10,167	9,823	9,692	9,909	446	575	258	4.3	5.6	2.5
Sargent	2,912	3,239	2,861	2,825	3,119	2,785	87	120	76	3.0	3.7	2.7
Steele	1,584	1,794	1,573	1,541	1,751	1,544	43	43	29	2.7	2.4	1.8
Traill	5,081	5,408	5,299	4,879	5,100	5,158	202	308	141	4.0	5.7	2.7
REGION 5 TOTAL	73,783	75,749	71,223	71,339	72,925	69,521	2,444	2,824	1,702	3.3	3.7	2.4

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Barnes	6,524	7,015	6,419	6,290	6,710	6,183	234	305	236	3.6	4.3	3.7
Dickey	3,804	4,040	3,778	3,669	3,921	3,709	135	119	69	3.5	2.9	1.8
Foster	2,326	2,494	2,280	2,261	2,411	2,212	65	83	68	2.8	3.3	3.0
Griggs	1,888	2,081	1,873	1,822	2,022	1,838	66	59	35	3.5	2.8	1.9
La Moure	2,880	3,174	2,928	2,809	3,089	2,885	71	85	43	2.5	2.7	1.5
Logan	1,715	1,928	1,714	1,654	1,864	1,690	61	64	24	3.6	3.3	1.4
McIntosh	2,531	2,815	2,516	2,466	2,733	2,476	65	82	40	2.6	2.9	1.6
Stutsman	12,435	13,067	12,684	11,955	12,600	12,278	480	467	406	3.9	3.6	3.2
Wells	3,756	4,125	3,650	3,602	3,959	3,549	154	166	101	4.1	4.0	2.8
REGION 6 TOTAL	37,859	40,739	37,842	36,528	39,309	36,820	1,331	1,430	1,022	3.5	3.5	2.7
Burleigh	29,275	30,368	29,643	27,611	28,536	28,163	1,664	1,832	1,480	5.7	6.0	5.0
Emmons	2,762	3,109	2,685	2,645	2,969	2,556	117	140	129	4.2	4.5	4.8
Grant	2,016	2,312	1,937	1,914	2,211	1,879	102	101	58	5.1	4.4	3.0
Kidder	1,689	1,889	1,747	1,611	1,799	1,686	78	90	61	4.6	4.8	3.5
McLean	6,052	6,554	6,124	5,663	6,082	5,672	389	472	452	6.4	7.2	7.4
Mercer	6,107	6,684	8,128	5,486	6,008	7,524	621	676	604	10.2	10.1	7.4
Morton	13,451	13,957	13,660	12,575	12,997	12,827	876	960	833	6.5	6.9	6.1
Oliver	1,284	1,452	1,328	1,185	1,336	1,254	99	116	74	7.7	8.0	5.6
Sheridan	1,392	1,619	1,364	1,345	1,570	1,344	47	49	20	3.4	3.0	1.5
Sioux	1,395	1,482	1,460	1,292	1,302	1,369	103	180	91	7.4	12.1	6.2
REGION 7 TOTAL	65,423	69,426	68,076	61,327	64,810	64,274	4,096	4,616	3,802	6.3	6.6	5.6
Adams	2,200	2,412	2,194	2,150	2,363	2,150	50	49	44	2.3	2.0	2.0
Billings	955	1,154	1,069	939	1,137	1,044	16	17	25	1.7	1.5	2.3
Bowman	2,367	2,628	2,356	2,277	2,500	2,308	90	128	48	3.8	4.9	2.0
Dunn	2,211	2,538	2,305	2,071	2,373	2,145	140	165	160	6.3	6.5	6.9
Golden Valley	1,380	1,481	1,410	1,319	1,409	1,326	61	72	84	4.4	4.9	6.0
Hettinger	2,010	2,265	2,037	1,961	2,201	1,979	49	64	58	2.4	2.8	2.8
Slope	659	771	627	624	728	596	35	43	31	5.3	5.6	4.9
Stark	12,444	13,238	12,917	11,660	12,406	12,260	784	832	657	6.3	6.3	5.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	24,226	26,487	24,915	23,001	25,117	23,808	1,225	1,370	1,107	5.1	5.2	4.4
STATE TOTAL	342,380	362,659	340,385	327,447	344,779	327,654	15,433	17,880	12,731	4.5	4.9	3.7

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,550	117,025	115,484	0.4	1.8
Employment	109,276	108,898	107,114	0.3	2.0
Unemployment	8,274	8,127	8,370	1.8	-1.1
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.9%	7.2%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	342,880	362,660	340,380	-5.5	0.7
Employment	327,450	344,780	327,650	-5.0	-0.1
Unemployment	15,430	17,880	12,730	-13.7	21.2
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.9%	3.7%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	78,780	79,980	76,640	-1.5	2.8
Employment	76,180	77,130	74,710	-1.2	2.0
Unemployment	2,600	2,850	1,930	-8.8	34.7
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.6%	2.5%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	31,590	32,240	29,550	-2.0	6.9
Employment	30,700	31,030	28,740	-1.1	6.8
Unemployment	890	1,210	810	-26.4	9.9
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.8%	2.7%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,730	44,320	43,300	-3.6	-1.3
Employment	40,190	41,530	40,990	-3.2	-2.0
Unemployment	2,540	2,790	2,310	-9.0	10.0
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.3%	5.3%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
AUG. 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	362.7	362.2	2,238.1	419.1
Employment	344.8	346.5	2,123.5	391.8
Unemployment	17.9	15.7	114.6	27.3
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.3	5.1	6.5

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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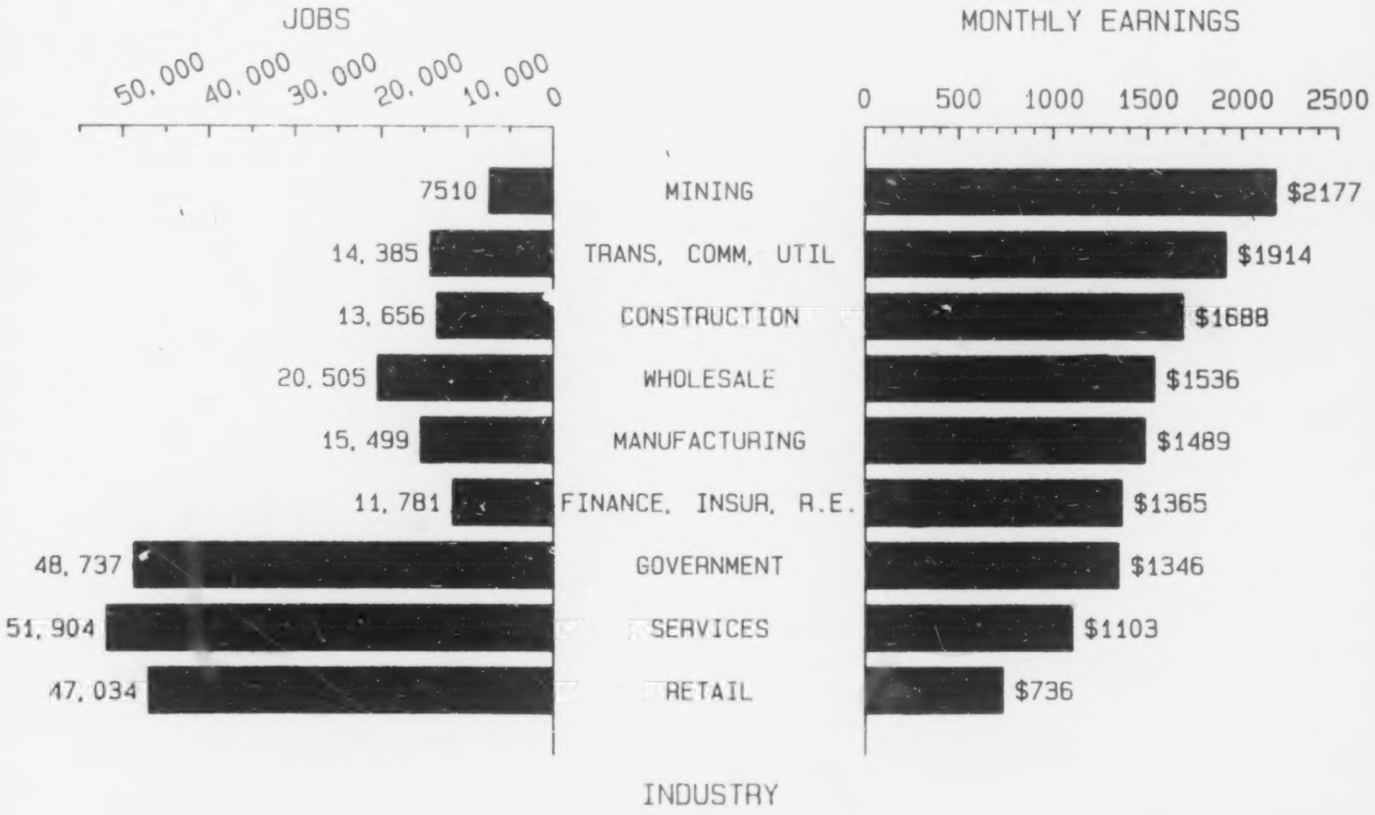

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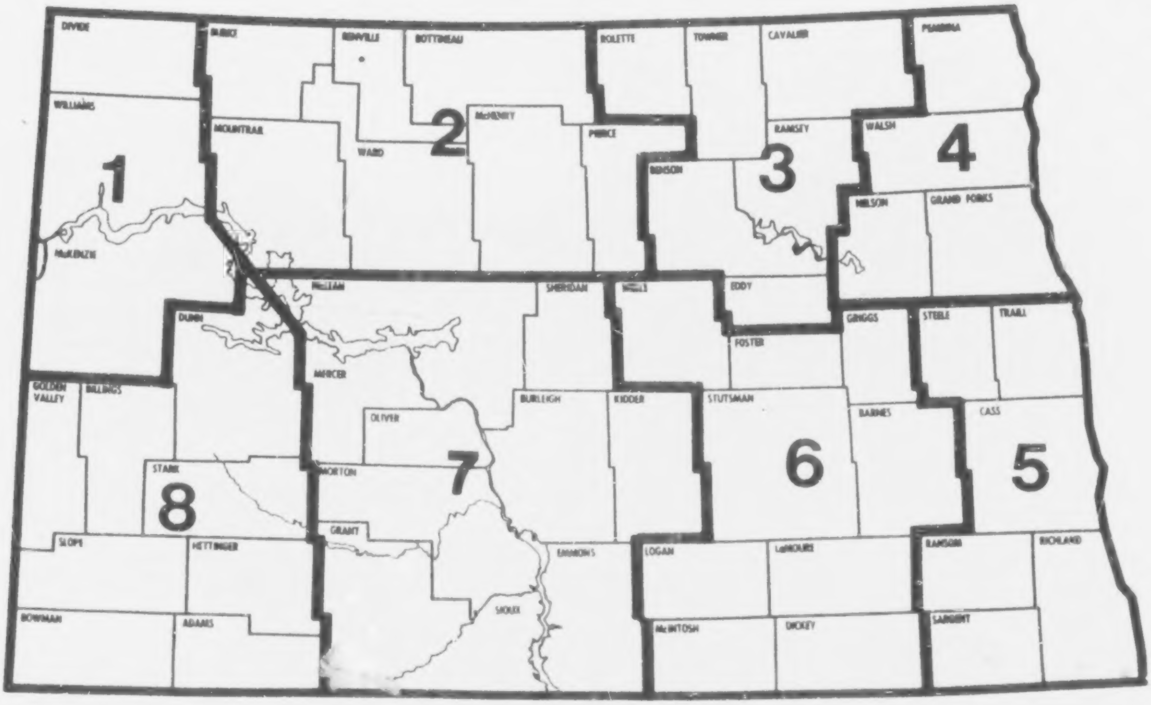
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THE NUMBER OF JOBS AND WAGE LEVELS IN NORTH DAKOTA, BY INDUSTRY, 1984

The graph on this month's cover compares the annual average employment, by industry, with the average monthly earnings. However, an explanation of the information is necessary or incorrect conclusions may be reached. The data is obtained from our unemployment insurance files which includes earnings paid to workers covered by unemployment insurance. It includes workers in all occupations, from the day laborer working for the minimum wage to the professional worker whose salary may be many times greater. In addition, the data includes both the full-time employee, who may also work overtime, as well as those working part time. Average earnings, therefore, are influenced, to a degree, by these variables. Keep in mind that employment shown is a count of the number of jobs and not a count of individuals, since a person may hold more than one job.

The mining industry has the highest monthly average, $2,187, while the state average for all industries is $1,274. Many workers in this industry frequently put in many hours in excess of the normal, 40-hour week. The overtime pay received naturally causes the industry average to rise. While the monthly earnings were high, employment at 7,480 marks the industry as the smallest in the state.

At the other extreme is retail trade. Average monthly earnings per job, at $738, is only one-third the average of the mining industry while employment, at slightly over 47,000, is one of the three largest in the state. The industry provides many workers with their first job in such positions as stocking shelves, bagging groceries, or serving people in various capacities in eating establishments. Many women seek work in this industry for a number of reasons. Some have family obligations which restrict not only the number of hours they can work, but also the times of the day. The first-time job holder and individuals with family obligations often seek part-time work. Many of these jobs require minimum training and, therefore, earnings are limited.

The services industry, the largest industry in the state with over 52,000 jobs, includes many diverse business activities. They range from beauty salons to engineering firms to motels to private colleges. However, the industry is dominated by one segment--medical services. Over 25,000 people are employed in this field and account for nearly one out of every two jobs in the services industry. A similar situation exists in services as is found in retail trade. Although there are some highly paid professionals in the field, the vast majority are support personnel. As in retail trade, many positions, including routine patient care, food services and housekeeping, require limited training and, as such, provide ideal entry positions for individuals who wish to serve in these capacities. Many workers are employed part time and this, coupled with the limited training and experience needed to perform these jobs, causes the average earnings to remain low.

We are currently compiling employment and wage data by county, by industry. This localized information will provide the user with industrial detail that was not previously available. It will be an additional source of information for individuals or firms seeking a better understanding of the economy in a particular area. This publication will be sent to all recipients of the North Dakota Labor Market Advisor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
TOTAL	255,140	253,980	258,230	0.5	-1.2
MINING	6,730	6,840	7,610	-1.6	-11.6
Coal	1,330	1,340	1,360	-0.7	-2.2
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,920	4,970	5,680	-1.0	-13.4
Other Mining	480	530	570	-9.4	-15.8
CONSTRUCTION	12,770	13,050	16,170	-2.1	-21.0
Building Construction	3,600	3,630	4,220	-0.8	-14.7
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,630	3,770	5,140	-3.7	-29.4
Special Trade Construction	5,540	5,650	6,810	-1.9	-18.6
MANUFACTURING	15,760	15,840	16,130	-0.5	-2.3
Durable Goods	6,250	6,400	6,600	-2.3	-5.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass	880	900	920	-2.2	-4.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	750	770	740	-2.6	1.4
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,580	3,720	3,860	-3.8	-7.3
Other Durable Goods	1,040	1,010	1,080	3.0	-3.7
Nondurable Goods	9,510	9,440	9,530	0.7	-0.2
Food & Kindred Products	4,850	4,770	4,940	1.7	-1.8
Dairy Products	880	900	890	-2.2	-1.1
Food Specialties Confectionery Products	1,920	1,820	2,120	5.5	-9.4
Bakery Products	450	450	450	0.0	0.0
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,600	1,600	1,480	0.0	8.1
Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,480	2,430	0.8	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods	2,160	2,190	2,160	-1.4	0.0
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,680	16,630	16,770	0.3	-0.5
Transportation	8,060	8,000	8,230	0.8	-2.1
Trucking & Warehousing	4,460	4,420	4,530	0.9	-1.5
Other Transportation	3,600	3,580	3,700	0.6	-2.7
Communications	3,400	3,430	3,420	-0.9	-0.6
Public Utilities	5,220	5,200	5,120	0.4	2.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,370	20,490	20,690	-0.6	-1.5
Durable Goods	10,060	10,170	10,350	-1.1	-2.8
Nondurable Goods	10,310	10,320	10,340	-0.1	-0.3
RETAIL TRADE	48,700	49,030	47,780	-0.7	1.9
General Merchandise	6,050	6,040	6,170	0.2	-1.9
Food Stores	6,380	6,410	6,390	-0.5	-0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,850	6,930	6,630	-1.2	3.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,900	2,900	2,940	0.0	-1.4
Other Retail	26,520	26,750	25,650	-0.9	3.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,380	12,410	12,250	-0.2	1.1
Finance	6,840	6,840	6,760	0.0	1.2
Banking	4,290	4,310	4,320	-0.5	-0.7
Other Finance	2,550	2,530	2,440	0.8	4.5
Insurance	3,680	3,680	3,650	0.0	0.8
Real Estate	1,860	1,890	1,840	-1.6	1.1
SERVICES	58,340	58,470	57,810	-0.2	0.9
Lodging	4,370	4,380	4,590	-0.2	-4.8
Nursing & Personal Care	5,980	6,060	5,870	-1.3	1.9
Hospitals	12,460	12,500	12,960	-0.3	-3.9
Other Medical	6,540	6,520	6,120	0.3	6.9
Other Services	28,990	29,010	28,270	-0.1	2.5
GOVERNMENT	63,410	61,220	63,020	3.6	0.6
Federal	9,290	9,450	9,070	-1.7	2.4
State Government	19,280	17,550	19,420	9.9	-0.7
Educational Services	12,480	10,580	12,810	18.0	-2.6
Other State Government	6,800	6,970	6,610	-2.4	2.9
Local Government	34,840	34,220	34,530	1.8	0.9
Educational Services	17,020	15,880	17,000	7.2	0.1
Other Local Government	17,820	18,340	17,530	-2.8	1.7

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month Oct. 1985	Previous Month Sept. 1985	One Year Ago Oct. 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago Sept. 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago Oct. 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	69,420	67,660	68,170	2.6	1.8
Mining & Construction	3,840	3,970	3,800	-3.3	1.1
Manufacturing	4,950	5,020	5,270	-1.4	-6.1
Durable Goods	1,920	2,000	2,180	-4.0	-11.9
Nondurable Goods	3,030	3,020	3,090	0.3	-1.9
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,040	4,050	4,030	-0.2	0.2
Trade	21,060	20,950	20,100	0.5	4.8
Wholesale Trade	6,990	7,000	6,790	-0.1	2.9
Retail Trade	14,070	13,950	13,310	0.9	5.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,380	4,380	4,180	0.0	4.8
Services	18,020	17,010	17,120	5.9	5.3
Government	13,130	12,280	13,670	6.9	-4.0
Federal	2,160	2,160	2,010	0.0	7.5
State & Local	10,970	10,120	11,660	8.4	-5.9
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,330	28,160	28,350	4.2	3.5
Mining & Construction	1,620	1,670	1,560	-3.0	3.8
Manufacturing	1,380	1,320	1,370	4.5	0.7
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,540	1,560	1,580	-1.3	-2.5
Trade	8,640	8,590	7,990	0.6	8.1
Wholesale Trade	1,420	1,430	1,390	-0.7	2.2
Retail Trade	7,220	7,160	6,600	0.8	9.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,090	1,060	0.0	2.8
Services	6,030	6,000	6,060	0.5	-0.5
Government	9,030	7,930	8,730	13.9	3.4
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,450	36,580	36,310	-0.4	0.4
Mining	240	230	230	4.3	4.3
Construction	1,910	1,900	2,140	0.5	-10.7
Manufacturing	1,950	1,960	2,050	-0.5	-4.9
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,840	2,820	2,910	0.7	-2.4
Trade	9,720	9,810	9,540	-0.9	1.9
Wholesale Trade	2,580	2,590	2,550	-0.4	1.2
Retail Trade	7,140	7,220	6,990	-1.1	2.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,680	1,690	1,670	-0.6	0.6
Services	10,170	10,210	9,950	-0.4	2.2
Government	7,940	7,960	7,820	-0.3	1.5

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Oct. 1985	Previous Month Sept. 1985	One Year Ago Oct. 1984	Percent Change From Sept. 1985	Percent Change From Oct. 1984
All Items	311.1	325.5	324.5	315.3	0.3	3.2
Food & Beverage	295.1	302.5	302.1	296.6	0.1	2.0
Housing	336.5	354.4	353.8	341.2	0.2	3.9
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	211.1	209.6	205.7	0.7	2.6
Transportation	311.7	320.9	319.7	315.5	0.4	1.7
Medical Care	379.5	410.5	408.3	385.5	0.5	6.5
Entertainment	255.1	268.4	266.8	258.3	0.6	3.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Oct. 1985	Previous Month Sept. 1985	One Year Ago Oct. 1984	Percent Change From Sept. 1985	Percent Change From Oct. 1984
All Commodities	310.3	308.0	305.8	309.4	0.7	-0.5
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	245.3	241.4	255.8	1.6	-4.1
Industrial Commodities	322.6	324.4	322.5	323.2	0.6	0.4

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	388.28	389.23	374.22	40.7	40.8	40.5	9.54	9.54	9.24
Durable Goods	418.78	419.80	403.91	41.3	41.4	41.3	10.14	10.14	9.78
Nondurable Goods	345.86	348.00	332.54	39.8	40.0	39.4	8.69	8.70	8.44
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	306.56	312.70	302.24	37.8	38.7	38.6	8.11	8.08	7.83
Durable Goods	326.87	333.48	328.82	38.5	39.7	40.1	8.49	8.40	8.20
Nondurable Goods	293.55	299.47	285.39	37.3	38.1	37.7	7.87	7.86	7.57
Food & Kindred	318.39	319.18	294.14	40.1	40.3	38.4	7.94	7.92	7.66
Printing & Publishing	283.92	284.59	263.25	33.6	33.6	34.1	8.45	8.47	7.72
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	322.23	328.95	307.63	37.6	38.7	37.7	8.57	8.50	8.16
Durable Goods	332.54	333.59	325.85	38.4	39.2	38.7	8.66	8.51	8.42
Nondurable Goods	316.94	326.02	296.43	37.2	38.4	37.1	8.52	8.49	7.99

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Divide	1,795	1,957	1,694	1,725	1,915	1,648	70	42	46	3.9	2.1	2.7
McKenzie	3,749	4,238	3,961	3,590	4,105	3,851	159	133	110	4.2	3.1	2.8
Williams	14,241	15,061	14,615	13,299	14,244	14,210	942	817	405	6.6	5.4	2.8
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,785	21,256	20,270	18,614	20,264	19,709	1,171	992	561	5.9	4.7	2.8
Bottineau	4,396	4,784	4,266	4,109	4,528	4,029	287	256	237	6.5	5.4	5.6
Burke	2,096	2,259	2,018	1,958	2,156	1,954	138	103	64	6.6	4.6	3.2
McHenry	3,361	3,589	3,350	3,043	3,332	3,100	318	257	250	9.5	7.2	7.5
Mountrail	3,630	3,911	3,656	3,344	3,698	3,457	286	213	199	7.9	5.4	5.4
Pierce	3,082	3,330	3,172	2,950	3,221	3,073	132	109	99	4.3	3.3	3.1
Renville	1,736	1,820	1,650	1,621	1,739	1,565	115	81	85	6.6	4.5	5.2
Ward	25,879	25,723	26,234	24,233	24,290	24,908	1,646	1,433	1,326	6.4	5.6	5.1
REGION 2 TOTAL	44,180	45,416	44,346	41,258	42,964	42,086	2,922	2,452	2,260	6.6	5.4	5.1
Benson	3,404	3,699	3,333	3,180	3,462	3,089	224	237	244	6.6	6.4	7.3
Cavalier	3,603	3,886	3,474	3,506	3,762	3,363	97	124	111	2.7	3.2	3.2
Eddy	1,688	1,846	1,774	1,605	1,750	1,709	83	96	65	4.9	5.2	3.7
Ramsey	6,904	7,152	6,816	6,571	6,851	6,569	333	301	247	4.8	4.2	3.6
Rolette	5,252	5,153	5,092	4,760	4,697	4,567	492	456	525	9.4	8.8	10.3
Towner	2,365	2,461	2,317	2,274	2,414	2,267	91	47	50	3.8	1.9	2.2
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,216	24,197	22,806	21,896	22,936	21,564	1,320	1,261	1,242	5.7	5.2	5.4
Grand Forks	32,094	31,526	29,804	31,218	30,635	28,973	876	891	831	2.7	2.8	2.8
Nelson	2,742	2,916	2,678	2,651	2,823	2,581	91	93	97	3.3	3.2	3.6
Pembina	6,458	6,498	6,241	6,184	6,197	5,951	274	301	290	4.2	4.6	4.6
Walsh	9,228	9,679	8,860	8,874	9,333	8,534	354	346	326	3.8	3.6	3.7
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,522	50,619	47,583	48,927	48,988	46,039	1,595	1,631	1,544	3.2	3.2	3.2
Cass	52,033	51,321	48,779	50,408	49,739	47,406	1,625	1,582	1,373	3.1	3.1	2.8
Ransom	2,972	3,089	2,936	2,890	3,003	2,851	82	86	85	2.8	2.8	2.9
Richland	9,024	10,265	9,706	8,557	9,819	9,436	467	446	270	5.2	4.3	2.8
Sargent	2,763	2,912	2,689	2,695	2,825	2,616	68	87	73	2.5	3.0	2.7
Steele	1,445	1,583	1,411	1,385	1,540	1,381	60	43	30	4.2	2.7	2.1
Traill	4,942	5,079	5,114	4,804	4,877	4,973	138	202	141	2.8	4.0	2.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	73,179	74,249	70,635	70,739	71,803	68,663	2,440	2,446	1,972	3.3	3.3	2.8

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
Barnes	6,415	6,522	6,120	6,195	6,288	5,881	220	234	239	3.4	3.6	3.9
Dickey	3,551	3,804	3,586	3,460	3,669	3,504	91	135	82	2.6	3.5	2.3
Foster	2,158	2,325	2,191	2,108	2,260	2,128	50	65	63	2.3	2.8	2.9
Griggs	1,695	1,887	1,724	1,628	1,821	1,687	67	66	37	4.0	3.5	2.1
La Moure	2,627	2,879	2,681	2,559	2,808	2,615	68	71	66	2.6	2.5	2.5
Logan	1,498	1,715	1,565	1,445	1,654	1,540	53	61	25	3.5	3.6	1.6
McIntosh	2,456	2,530	2,326	2,379	2,465	2,293	77	65	33	3.1	2.6	1.4
Stutsman	12,064	12,432	12,243	11,494	11,952	11,791	570	480	452	4.7	3.9	3.7
Wells	3,555	3,754	3,493	3,396	3,600	3,381	159	154	112	4.5	4.1	3.2
REGION 6 TOTAL	36,019	37,848	35,929	34,664	36,517	34,820	1,355	1,331	1,109	3.8	3.5	3.1
Burleigh	29,010	29,275	29,463	26,994	27,612	27,785	2,016	1,663	1,678	6.9	5.7	5.7
Emmons	2,602	2,760	2,447	2,487	2,643	2,318	115	117	129	4.4	4.2	5.3
Grant	1,805	2,014	1,762	1,706	1,912	1,699	99	102	63	5.5	5.1	3.6
Kidder	1,486	1,687	1,584	1,404	1,609	1,506	82	78	78	5.5	4.6	4.9
McLean	5,679	6,050	5,045	5,213	5,661	4,647	466	389	398	8.2	6.4	7.9
Mercer	6,711	6,110	7,849	5,995	5,489	7,278	716	621	571	10.7	10.2	7.3
Morton	13,275	13,454	13,538	12,294	12,576	12,655	981	878	883	7.4	6.5	6.5
Oliver	1,191	1,284	1,219	1,079	1,185	1,156	112	99	63	9.4	7.7	5.2
Sheridan	1,249	1,391	1,178	1,214	1,344	1,158	35	47	20	2.8	3.4	1.7
Sioux	1,226	1,394	1,323	1,114	1,291	1,238	112	103	85	9.1	7.4	6.4
REGION 7 TOTAL	64,234	65,419	65,408	59,500	61,322	61,440	4,734	4,097	3,968	7.4	6.3	6.1
Adams	2,070	2,200	2,086	2,017	2,150	2,032	53	50	54	2.6	2.3	2.6
Billings	809	954	847	770	938	832	39	16	15	4.8	1.7	1.8
Bowman	2,298	2,367	2,220	2,166	2,277	2,176	132	90	44	5.7	3.8	2.0
Dunn	2,098	2,210	2,054	1,944	2,070	1,908	154	140	146	7.3	6.3	7.1
Golden Valley	1,321	1,379	1,271	1,248	1,318	1,213	73	61	58	5.5	4.4	4.6
Hettinger	1,940	2,008	1,852	1,848	1,959	1,810	92	49	42	4.7	2.4	2.3
Slope	590	659	547	538	624	522	52	35	25	8.8	5.3	4.6
Stark	12,418	12,446	12,505	11,458	11,661	11,878	960	785	627	7.7	6.3	5.0
REGION 8 TOTAL	23,544	24,223	23,382	21,989	22,997	22,371	1,555	1,226	1,011	6.6	5.1	4.3
STATE TOTAL	334,679	343,227	330,359	317,587	327,791	316,692	17,092	15,436	13,667	5.1	4.5	4.1

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Oct. 1985	Previous Month Sept. 1985	One Year Ago Oct. 1984	Percent Change From	
				Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,858	117,550	115,721	0.3	1.8
Employment	109,567	109,276	107,354	0.3	2.1
Unemployment	8,291	8,274	8,367	0.2	-0.9
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.0%	7.2%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	334,680	343,230	330,360	-2.5	1.3
Employment	317,590	327,790	316,690	-3.1	0.3
Unemployment	17,090	15,440	13,670	10.7	25.0
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.5%	4.1%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	80,820	79,600	77,640	1.5	4.1
Employment	78,290	76,990	75,550	1.7	3.6
Unemployment	2,530	2,610	2,090	-3.1	21.1
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,100	31,530	29,800	1.8	7.7
Employment	31,220	30,640	28,970	1.9	7.8
Unemployment	880	890	830	-1.1	6.0
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,290	42,730	43,000	-1.0	-1.7
Employment	39,290	40,190	40,440	-2.2	-2.8
Unemployment	3,000	2,540	2,560	18.1	17.2
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	5.9%	6.0%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
SEPT. 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	343.2	353.6	2,230.1	402.3
Employment	327.8	339.6	2,115.2	377.0
Unemployment	15.4	14.0	114.9	25.3
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.0	5.2	6.3

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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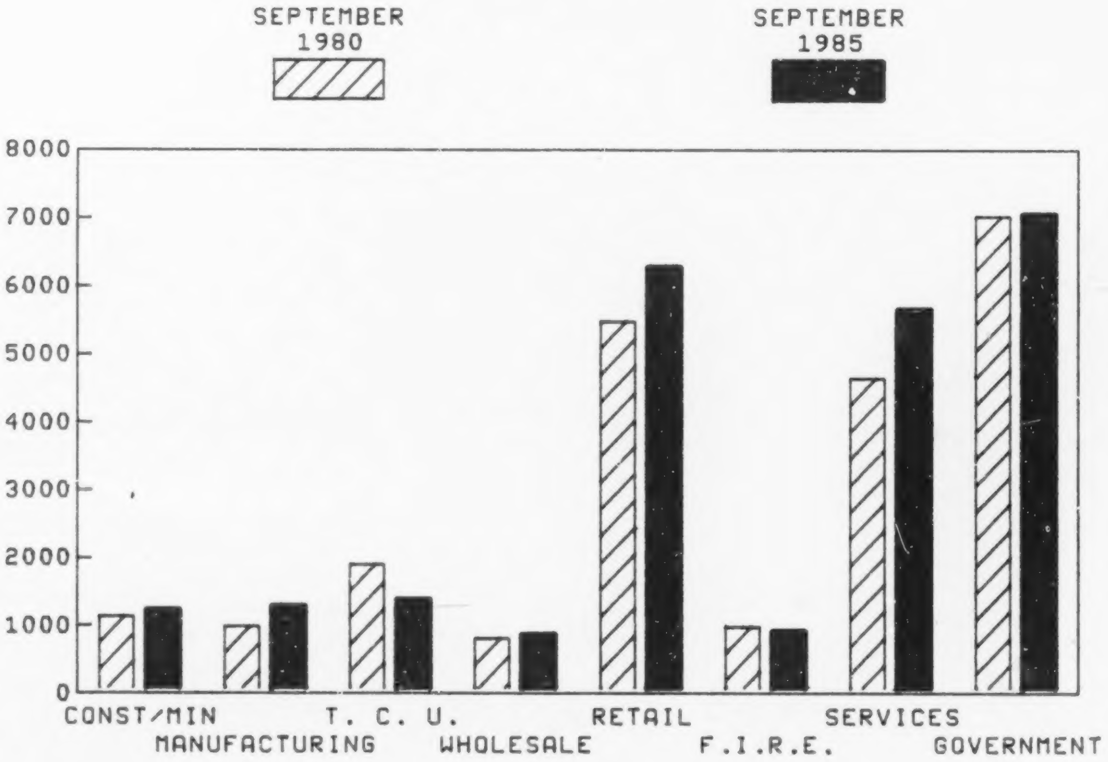

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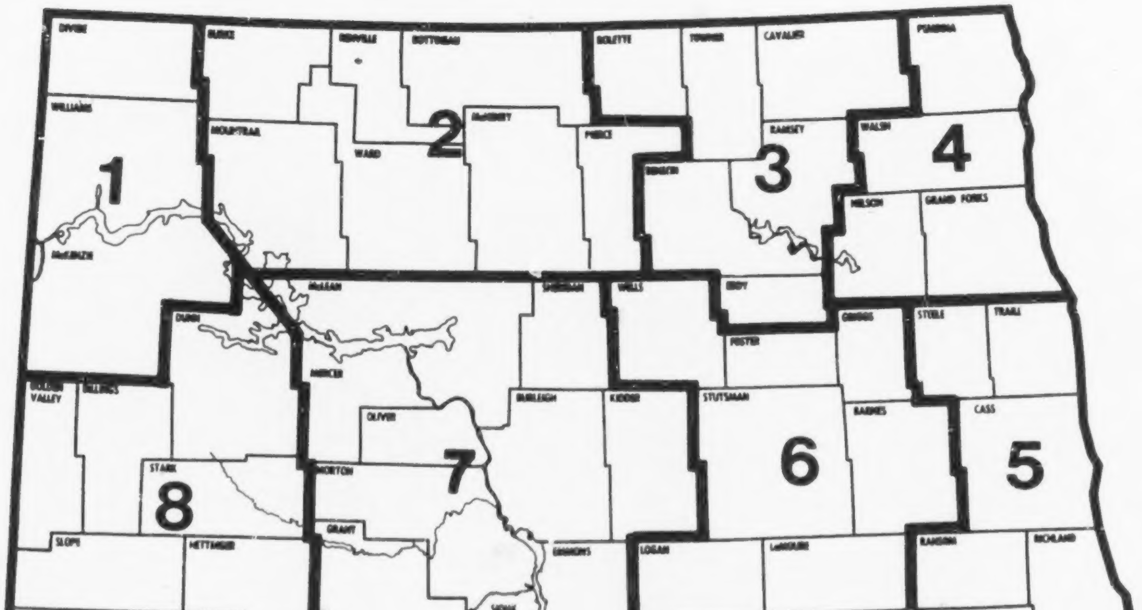
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GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA
AN EMPLOYMENT CENSUS

Although a wide variety of labor market information is produced for the state of North Dakota, local Chambers of Commerce, city administrators and planners, employers, and economic development groups are continually seeking similar data for their cities. It's no secret that some communities are doing much better economically than others. To assist civic leaders in measuring employment trends in their communities, the Research and Statistics Section of Job Service North Dakota periodically conducts "Community Employment Surveys" in the 12 largest cities in North Dakota. These surveys, conducted in cooperation with the local Job Service offices and Chambers of Commerce, are a type of employment census for the city. Citywide totals on employment, female employment, self-employed, number of firms, etc., are obtained by collecting data from every firm in the city. The compiled results are published in tabular form comparing the current survey with the previous survey with a brief narrative highlighting some of the survey findings. As an example of the type of data produced, the survey highlights from our recent survey in Grand Forks is presented below:

> The Community Employment Survey conducted by Job Service North Dakota, in cooperation with the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, showed a total of 24,795 wage and salary employees at work in Grand Forks as of September 12, 1985. This represents an increase of 8.1 percent from the 22,933 employees reported on the last Grand Forks Community Employment Survey, which was conducted on September 12, 1980.
>
> There were 12,385 female employees, up 1,303 from the previous survey. Women now comprise 49.9 percent of the total employment compared to 48.3 in 1980.
>
> The number of self-employed persons increased from 826 to 882, while the number of unpaid family workers rose from 111 to 122.
>
> Grand Forks had 1,625 businesses in September 1985, up 77 from September 1980. Of these, 1,394 had at least one employee. The average firm size rose from 14.8 employees in 1980 to 15.3 in 1985.
>
> The Grand Forks economy continues to be dominated by the government, retail trade, and services industries. These three industries accounted for about 77 percent of the wage and salary employment. Government remained the largest industry with 7,070 employees-- 28.5 percent of the city's total. Retail trade was second with 6,290 (25.4 percent) and services third with 5,670 (22.9 percent).
>
> The survey showed six of the eight industries had employment increases over the past five years. Services recorded the largest gain--1,029. Nearly all sectors of the services industry experienced significant growth, but over half of the total increase was attributed to the health, social, business, and

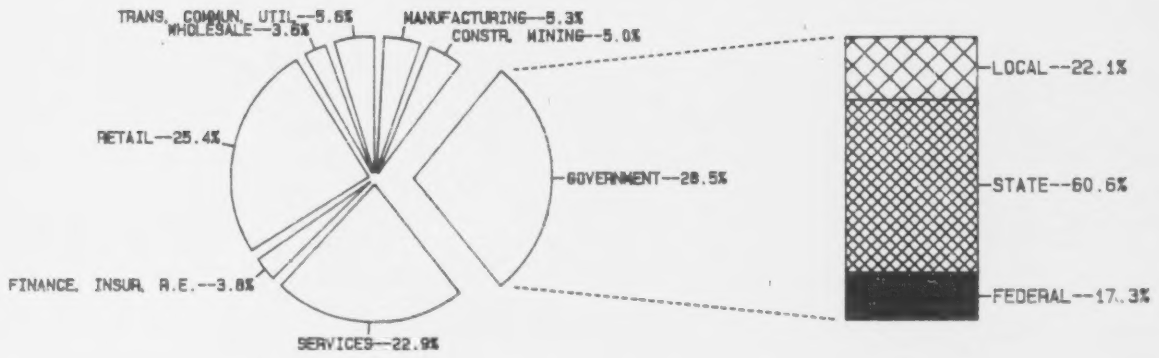
personal services sectors. While growth occurred in most of the sectors in the retail trade industry, the eating and drinking establishments sector accounted for over half of the 813 additional jobs in that industry. Manufacturing posted an increase of 316 employees, due primarily to gains in the food processing and printing and publishing sectors. The combined industries of construction and mining added 118 workers, with almost two-thirds of the increase in the special trades contractors sector. Wholesale trade and government also registered small gains in employment.

On the negative side, major declines in the telephone communications and railroad transportation sectors caused employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry to drop by 497 (26.2 percent), despite increases in most of the remaining sectors of the industry. Employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate industry showed a small decrease, due in part to mergers in the finance sector.

The Grand Forks Community Employment Survey is limited to the city of Grand Forks and the civilian personnel employed at the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

Copies of the Community Employment Survey results for Grand Forks or any of the 12 largest cities in North Dakota are available on request by writing the Research and Statistics Section at the address listed on the back page or by calling toll-free 1-800-732-9787 in North Dakota. Individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan area or out of state should dial (701) 224-2868.

GRAND FORKS
Employment by Industry
September 1985



GRAND FORKS
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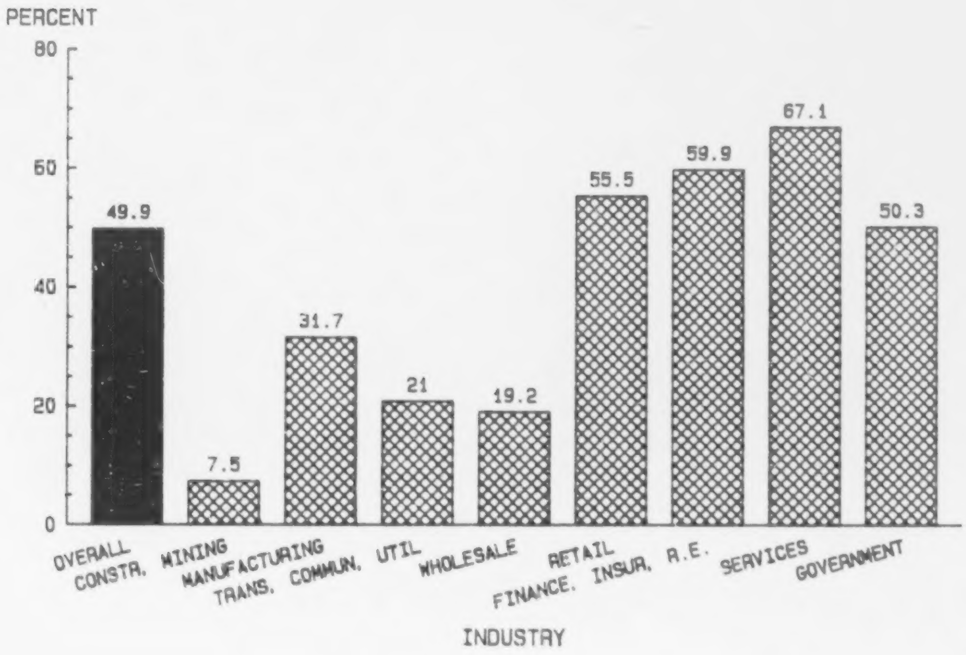

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
TOTAL	254,310	255,370	256,630	-0.4	-0.9
MINING	6,760	6,720	7,610	0.6	-11.2
Coal	1,340	1,330	1,360	0.8	-1.5
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,970	4,910	5,740	1.2	-13.4
Other Mining	450	480	510	-6.3	-11.8
CONSTRUCTION	11,800	12,760	14,770	-7.5	-20.1
Building Construction	3,400	3,600	3,940	-5.6	-13.7
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,130	3,620	4,400	-13.5	-28.9
Special Trade Construction	5,270	5,540	6,430	-4.9	-18.0
MANUFACTURING	15,830	16,040	15,690	-1.3	0.9
Durable Goods	6,220	6,320	6,400	-1.6	-2.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass	770	880	810	-12.5	-4.9
Primary & Fabricated Metals	740	750	740	-1.3	0.0
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,680	3,650	3,810	0.8	-3.4
Other Durable Goods	1,030	1,040	1,040	-1.0	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	9,610	9,720	9,290	-1.1	3.4
Food & Kindred Products	4,930	5,050	4,680	-2.4	5.3
Dairy Products	880	880	890	0.0	-1.1
Food Specialties					
Confectionery Products	2,020	2,120	1,870	-4.7	8.0
Bakery Products	450	450	440	0.0	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,580	1,600	1,480	-1.3	6.8
Printing & Publishing	2,490	2,500	2,430	-0.4	2.5
Other Nondurable Goods	2,190	2,170	2,180	0.9	0.5
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,520	16,650	16,800	-0.8	-1.7
Transportation	7,970	8,020	8,220	-0.6	-3.0
Trucking & Warehousing	4,400	4,450	4,490	-1.1	-2.0
Other Transportation	3,570	3,570	3,730	0.0	-4.3
Communications	3,400	3,410	3,420	-0.3	-0.6
Public Utilities	5,150	5,220	5,160	-1.3	-0.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,310	20,370	20,600	-0.3	-1.4
Durable Goods	9,960	10,060	10,240	-1.0	-2.7
Nondurable Goods	10,350	10,310	10,360	0.4	-0.1
RETAIL TRADE	48,920	48,710	48,260	0.4	1.4
General Merchandise	6,310	6,070	6,580	4.0	-4.1
Food Stores	6,410	6,380	6,470	0.5	-0.9
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,860	6,850	6,650	0.1	3.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,940	2,900	2,980	1.4	-1.3
Other Retail	26,400	26,510	25,580	-0.4	3.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,380	12,380	12,290	0.0	0.7
Finance	6,850	6,840	6,780	0.1	1.0
Banking	4,300	4,290	4,330	0.2	-0.7
Other Finance	2,550	2,550	2,450	0.0	4.1
Insurance	3,670	3,680	3,650	-0.3	0.5
Real Estate	1,860	1,860	1,860	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	58,260	58,340	57,700	-0.1	1.0
Lodging	4,310	4,370	4,520	-1.4	-4.6
Nursing & Personal Care	5,960	5,980	5,840	-0.3	2.1
Hospitals	12,500	12,460	13,000	0.3	-3.8
Other Medical	6,570	6,540	6,150	0.5	6.8
Other Services	28,920	28,990	28,190	-0.2	2.6
GOVERNMENT	63,530	63,400	62,910	0.2	1.0
Federal	9,380	9,290	9,150	1.0	2.5
State Government	19,330	19,280	19,230	0.3	0.5
Educational Services	12,600	12,480	12,720	1.0	-0.9
Other State Government	6,730	6,800	6,510	-1.0	3.4
Local Government	34,820	34,830	34,530	0.0	0.8
Educational Services	17,270	17,030	17,220	1.4	0.3
Other Local Government	17,550	17,800	17,310	-1.4	1.4

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	69,890	69,880	67,990	0.0	2.8
Mining & Construction	3,650	3,840	3,610	-4.9	1.1
Manufacturing	4,980	5,020	5,080	-0.8	-2.0
Durable Goods	1,890	1,910	2,130	-1.0	-11.3
Nondurable Goods	3,090	3,110	2,950	-0.6	4.7
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,040	4,040	4,040	0.0	0.0
Trade	21,230	21,070	20,330	0.8	4.4
Wholesale Trade	6,980	6,990	6,790	-0.1	2.8
Retail Trade	14,250	14,080	13,540	1.2	5.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,380	4,380	4,180	0.0	4.8
Services	18,100	18,020	17,260	0.4	4.9
Government	13,510	13,510	13,490	0.0	0.1
Federal	2,150	2,150	2,020	0.0	6.4
State & Local	11,360	11,360	11,470	0.0	-1.0
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,410	29,330	28,520	0.3	3.1
Mining & Construction	1,460	1,620	1,380	-9.9	5.8
Manufacturing	1,370	1,380	1,390	-0.7	-1.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,510	1,540	1,560	-1.9	-3.2
Trade	8,750	8,640	8,140	1.3	7.5
Wholesale Trade	1,420	1,420	1,390	0.0	2.2
Retail Trade	7,330	7,220	6,750	1.5	8.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,080	1,090	1,060	-0.9	1.9
Services	6,030	6,030	6,030	0.0	0.0
Government	9,210	9,030	8,960	2.0	2.8
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,300	36,450	36,250	-0.4	0.1
Mining	240	240	220	0.0	9.1
Construction	1,750	1,890	2,000	-7.4	-12.5
Manufacturing	1,920	1,950	2,030	-1.5	-5.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,780	2,840	2,880	-2.1	-3.5
Trade	9,780	9,730	9,650	0.5	1.3
Wholesale Trade	2,580	2,580	2,550	0.0	1.2
Retail Trade	7,200	7,150	7,100	0.7	1.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,680	1,680	1,670	0.0	0.6
Services	10,190	10,160	10,000	0.3	1.9
Government	7,960	7,960	7,800	0.0	2.1

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Nov. 1985	Previous Month Oct. 1985	One Year Ago Nov. 1984	Percent Change From	
					Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
All Items	311.1	326.6	325.5	315.3	0.3	3.6
Food & Beverage	295.1	303.6	302.5	296.3	0.4	2.5
Housing	336.5	355.0	354.4	340.9	0.2	4.1
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	211.2	211.1	205.2	0.0	2.9
Transportation	311.7	323.2	320.9	316.1	0.7	2.2
Medical Care	379.5	413.0	410.5	387.5	0.6	6.6
Entertainment	255.1	269.0	268.4	259.0	0.2	3.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Nov. 1985	Previous Month Oct. 1985	One Year Ago Nov. 1984	Percent Change From	
					Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
All Commodities	310.3	309.7	308.0	310.3	0.6	-0.2
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	251.0	245.3	258.1	2.3	-2.8
Industrial Commodities	322.6	325.0	324.4	323.8	0.2	0.4

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	392.50	388.28	378.92	40.8	40.7	40.7	9.62	9.54	9.31
Durable Goods	423.72	418.78	407.79	41.5	41.3	41.4	10.21	10.14	9.85
Nondurable Goods	350.80	346.73	337.39	40.0	39.9	39.6	8.77	8.69	8.52
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	320.74	312.76	306.12	39.5	38.9	38.7	8.12	8.04	7.91
Durable Goods	337.73	334.84	312.68	39.5	39.3	37.9	8.55	8.52	8.25
Nondurable Goods	310.47	299.15	301.84	39.5	38.6	39.2	7.86	7.75	7.70
Food & Kindred	339.04	325.71	318.71	43.3	42.3	40.6	7.83	7.70	7.85
Printing & Publishing	282.90	282.74	260.85	33.4	33.5	33.4	8.47	8.44	7.81
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	330.40	321.26	298.48	39.1	38.2	36.4	8.45	8.41	8.20
Durable Goods	323.25	325.28	306.27	37.5	38.0	36.9	8.62	8.56	8.30
Nondurable Goods	334.40	319.87	293.85	40.0	38.4	36.1	8.36	8.33	8.14

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
County	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov, 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Divide	1,536	1,794	1,474	1,498	1,724	1,418	38	70	56	2.5	3.9	3.8
McKenzie	3,492	3,749	3,667	3,359	3,590	3,553	133	159	114	3.8	4.2	3.1
Williams	14,007	14,242	14,389	13,062	13,300	13,995	945	942	394	6.7	6.6	2.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,035	19,785	19,530	17,919	18,614	18,966	1,116	1,171	564	5.9	5.9	2.9
Bottineau	3,987	4,394	3,826	3,730	4,107	3,608	257	287	218	6.4	6.5	5.7
Burke	1,924	2,096	1,783	1,817	1,958	1,710	107	138	73	5.6	6.6	4.1
McHenry	3,124	3,360	3,026	2,682	3,042	2,739	442	318	287	14.1	9.5	9.5
Mountrail	3,270	3,629	3,224	3,011	3,343	3,053	259	286	171	7.9	7.9	5.3
Pierce	2,868	3,082	2,959	2,692	2,949	2,829	176	133	130	6.1	4.3	4.4
Renville	1,528	1,735	1,466	1,438	1,621	1,382	90	114	84	5.9	6.6	5.7
Ward	25,768	25,878	25,760	23,757	24,232	24,311	2,011	1,646	1,449	7.8	6.4	5.6
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,469	44,174	42,044	39,127	41,252	39,632	3,342	2,922	2,412	7.9	6.6	5.7
Benson	3,196	3,404	3,125	2,919	3,180	2,844	277	224	281	8.7	6.6	9.0
Cavalier	3,363	3,603	3,090	3,111	3,506	2,963	252	97	127	7.5	2.7	4.1
Eddy	1,624	1,688	1,652	1,461	1,605	1,543	163	83	109	10.0	4.9	6.6
Ramsey	6,735	6,906	6,489	6,276	6,573	6,190	459	333	299	6.8	4.8	4.6
Rolette	5,161	5,253	4,934	4,533	4,760	4,359	628	493	575	12.2	9.4	11.7
Towner	2,107	2,364	2,072	1,970	2,273	2,012	137	91	60	6.5	3.8	2.9
REGION 3 TOTAL	22,186	23,218	21,362	20,270	21,897	19,911	1,916	1,321	1,451	8.6	5.7	6.8
Grand Forks	32,136	32,061	29,417	30,894	31,184	28,457	1,242	877	960	3.9	2.7	3.3
Nelson	2,554	2,741	2,462	2,378	2,650	2,311	176	91	151	6.9	3.3	6.1
Pembina	5,958	6,458	5,587	5,423	6,185	5,200	535	273	387	9.0	4.2	6.9
Walsh	8,537	9,229	7,973	7,949	8,875	7,634	588	354	339	6.9	3.8	4.3
REGION 4 TOTAL	49,185	50,489	45,439	46,644	48,894	43,602	2,541	1,595	1,837	5.2	3.2	4.0
Cass	52,292	52,280	47,824	50,262	50,653	46,429	2,030	1,627	1,395	3.9	3.1	2.9
Ransom	2,774	2,970	2,670	2,661	2,888	2,584	113	82	86	4.1	2.8	3.2
Richland	8,600	9,023	9,175	8,048	8,557	8,865	552	466	310	6.4	5.2	3.4
Sargent	2,603	2,764	2,416	2,494	2,696	2,321	109	68	95	4.2	2.5	3.9
Steele	1,294	1,447	1,241	1,216	1,385	1,203	78	62	38	6.0	4.3	3.1
Traill	4,546	4,943	4,611	4,373	4,805	4,500	173	138	111	3.8	2.8	2.4
REGION 5 TOTAL	72,109	73,427	67,937	69,054	70,984	65,902	3,055	2,443	2,035	4.2	3.3	3.0

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Barnes	6,132	6,414	5,698	5,771	6,195	5,382	361	219	316	5.9	3.4	5.5
Dickey	3,245	3,551	3,299	3,118	3,460	3,215	127	91	84	3.9	2.6	2.5
Foster	2,090	2,158	2,018	1,959	2,108	1,941	131	50	77	6.3	2.3	3.8
Griggs	1,543	1,694	1,563	1,455	1,627	1,499	88	67	64	5.7	4.0	4.1
La Moure	2,375	2,626	2,399	2,266	2,558	2,310	109	68	89	4.6	2.6	3.7
Logan	1,327	1,497	1,389	1,247	1,444	1,350	80	53	39	6.0	3.5	2.8
McIntosh	2,256	2,458	2,134	2,173	2,381	2,099	83	77	35	3.7	3.1	1.6
Stutsman	11,738	12,064	11,605	10,981	11,494	11,072	757	570	533	6.4	4.7	4.6
Wells	3,271	3,555	3,215	3,048	3,395	3,038	223	160	177	6.8	4.5	5.5
REGION 6 TOTAL	33,977	36,017	33,320	32,018	34,662	31,906	1,959	1,355	1,414	5.8	3.8	4.2
Burleigh	29,000	29,013	28,977	26,628	27,000	27,200	2,372	2,013	1,777	8.2	6.9	6.1
Emmons	2,375	2,600	2,164	2,180	2,486	2,027	195	114	137	8.2	4.4	6.3
Grant	1,606	1,804	1,504	1,481	1,706	1,428	125	98	76	7.8	5.4	5.1
Kidder	1,320	1,485	1,390	1,207	1,403	1,298	113	82	92	8.6	5.5	6.6
McLean	5,321	5,681	5,281	4,754	5,215	4,817	567	466	464	10.7	8.2	8.8
Mercer	6,708	6,713	7,129	5,890	5,995	6,542	818	718	587	12.2	10.7	8.2
Morton	13,338	13,279	13,301	12,127	12,297	12,388	1,211	982	913	9.1	7.4	6.9
Oliver	1,092	1,190	1,092	977	1,078	1,035	115	112	57	10.5	9.4	5.2
Sheridan	1,071	1,249	1,014	1,009	1,214	968	62	35	46	5.8	2.8	4.5
Sioux	1,156	1,225	1,238	1,040	1,113	1,140	116	112	98	10.0	9.1	7.9
REGION 7 TOTAL	62,987	64,239	63,090	57,293	59,507	58,843	5,694	4,732	4,247	9.0	7.4	6.7
Adams	1,937	2,071	1,918	1,871	2,018	1,873	66	53	45	3.4	2.6	2.3
Billings	685	808	746	668	769	733	17	39	13	2.5	4.8	1.7
Bowman	2,155	2,300	2,057	2,057	2,167	2,010	98	133	47	4.5	5.8	2.3
Dunn	1,920	2,097	1,807	1,744	1,943	1,677	176	154	130	9.2	7.3	7.2
Golden Valley	1,243	1,321	1,144	1,140	1,248	1,084	103	73	60	8.3	5.5	5.2
Hettinger	1,772	1,939	1,677	1,656	1,847	1,618	116	92	59	6.5	4.7	3.5
Slope	487	590	458	432	538	445	55	52	13	11.3	8.8	2.8
Stark	12,259	12,419	12,150	11,182	11,461	11,498	1,077	958	652	8.8	7.7	5.4
REGION 8 TOTAL	22,458	23,545	21,957	20,750	21,991	20,938	1,708	1,554	1,019	7.6	6,6	4.6
STATE TOTAL	324,406	334,894	314,679	303,075	317,801	299,700	21,331	17,093	14,979	6.6	5.1	4.8

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Nov. 1985	Previous Month Oct. 1985	One Year Ago Nov. 1984	Percent Change From Oct. 1985	Percent Change From Nov. 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,769	117,858	115,773	-0.1	1.7
Employment	109,629	109,567	107,631	0.1	1.9
Unemployment	8,140	8,291	8,142	-1.8	-0-
Unemployment Rate	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	324,410	334,890	314,680	-3.1	3.1
Employment	303,080	317,800	299,700	-4.6	1.1
Unemployment	21,330	17,090	14,980	24.8	42.4
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	5.1%	4.8%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	81,370	81,220	76,830	0.2	5.9
Employment	77,960	78,690	74,170	-0.9	5.1
Unemployment	3,410	2,530	2,660	34.8	28.2
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.1%	3.5%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,120	32,060	29,420	0.2	9.2
Employment	30,890	31,180	28,460	-0.9	8.5
Unemployment	1,230	880	960	39.8	28.1
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	2.7%	3.3%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,320	42,300	42,280	-0-	0.1
Employment	38,760	39,300	39,590	-1.4	-2.1
Unemployment	3,560	3,000	2,690	18.7	32.3
Unemployment Rate	8.4%	7.1%	6.4%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
OCT. 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	334.9	350.1	2,247.1	398.9
Employment	317.8	334.2	2,128.9	371.8
Unemployment	17.1	15.9	118.2	27.1
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.5	5.3	6.8

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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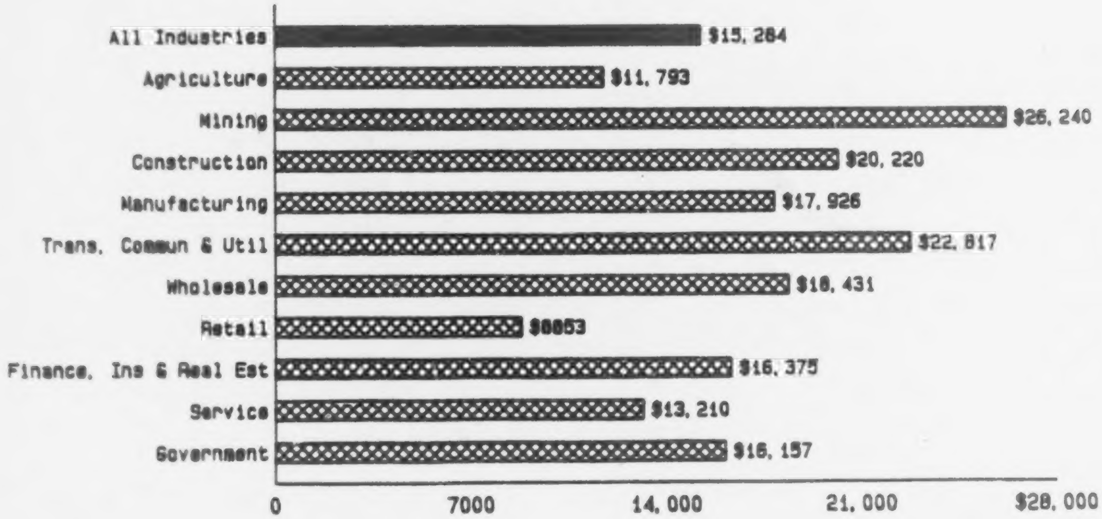

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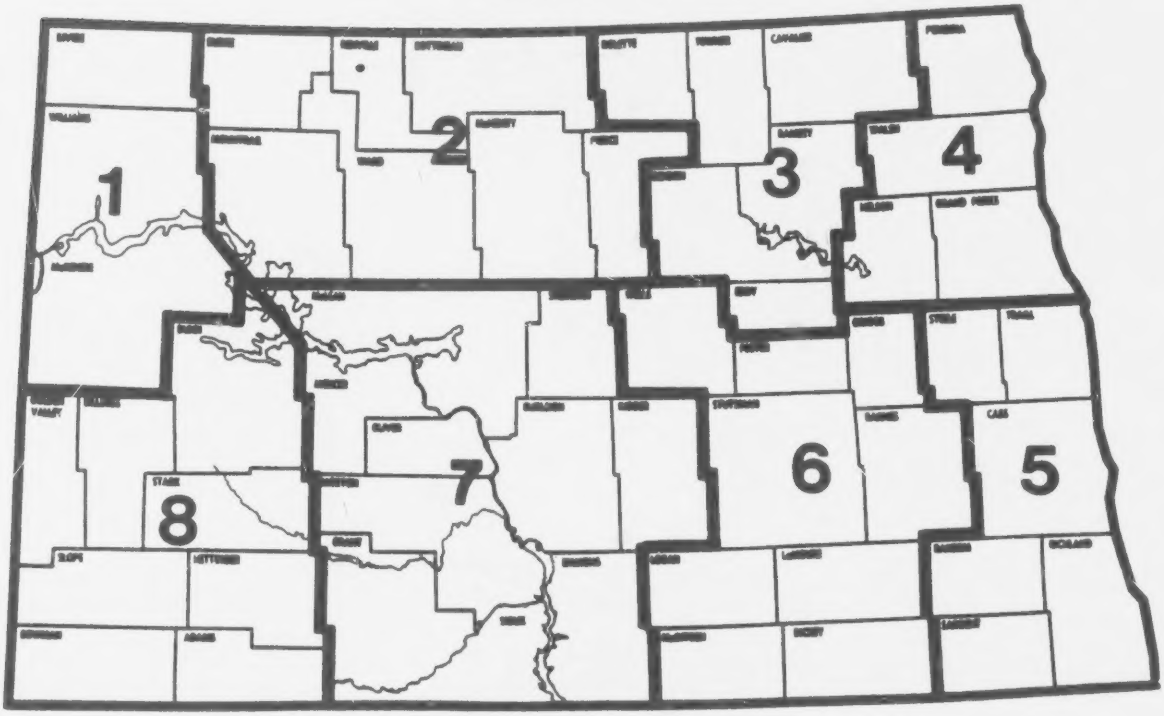

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Employment and labor force estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, 1984

North Dakota Employment and Wages, 1984 is a new publication that was recently produced and distributed to a relatively small number of people, primarily in North Dakota. Because of its content, we felt there may be a number of other businesses, planners, or agencies that may find it helpful. If your work or planning requires information on the number of employers in a county, employment in specific industries, or earnings in county and industry detail, you may find the data helpful.

The employment and wage information contained in North Dakota Employment and Wages is based on reports received each quarter from over 20,000 employers in North Dakota that are covered by unemployment insurance. These reports contain employment by month and total wages paid during the quarter. With this detail available, we were able to display employment by county, by month, by industry, together with a total for the year. Using these entries, an annual average wage for the state and county, by industry, was produced.

The state summary reveals that there were 20,368 employers in North Dakota covered by unemployment insurance in the fourth quarter of 1984. Their employment ranged from 226,895 in February to 240,562 in September. The average for the year was 233,562. Payrolls averaged between $850 million to $930 million dollars each quarter and totaled nearly $3.6 billion for the year. The average earnings for each job was $15,562. If you are interested in earnings at the industry level, the lowest earnings were in retail trade at $8,853 while the highest was in mining at $26,240.

The highest average wage for all industries was $26,203 in Mercer County, primarily due to the extensive construction and mining activity that occurred there during 1984. (The average wage in mining in Mercer County was $37,107, followed by $33,640 in transportation, communications, and utilities and $31,895 in construction.) The lowest average wage was $9,578 and occurred in McIntosh County. There were a number of sparsely populated, rural agricultural counties that had low annual average earnings.

A review of county data indicates 51.4 percent of the workers are employed in the four major counties: Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, and Ward. The earnings of these workers accounted for 53 percent of the state total.

The publication is available at no cost. If you are interested in receiving a copy, send your request to the address listed on the back cover.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month Dec. 1985	Previous Month Nov. 1985	One Year Ago Dec. 1984	Percent Change From One Month Ago Nov. 1985	Percent Change From One Year Ago Dec. 1984
TOTAL	252,620	253,990	255,120	-0.5	-1.0
MINING	6,400	6,740	7,580	-5.0	-15.6
Coal	1,330	1,340	1,370	-0.7	-2.9
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,770	4,970	5,900	-4.0	-19.2
Other Mining	300	430	310	-30.2	-3.2
CONSTRUCTION	10,360	11,780	12,810	-12.1	-19.1
Building Construction	2,990	3,390	3,500	-11.8	-14.6
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	2,480	3,120	3,370	-20.5	-26.4
Special Trade Construction	4,890	5,270	5,940	-7.2	-17.7
MANUFACTURING	15,400	15,560	15,380	-1.0	0.1
Durable Goods	5,990	6,230	5,980	-3.9	0.2
Stone, Clay, & Glass	560	770	590	-27.3	-5.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	720	730	730	-1.4	-1.4
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,680	3,700	3,640	-0.5	1.1
Other Durable Goods	1,030	1,030	1,020	0.0	1.0
Nondurable Goods	9,410	9,330	9,400	0.9	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4,760	4,640	4,810	2.6	-1.0
Dairy Products	880	880	890	0.0	-1.1
Food Specialties Confectionery Products	1,780	1,740	1,850	2.3	-3.8
Bakery Products	450	450	450	0.0	0.0
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,650	1,570	1,620	5.1	1.9
Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,500	2,460	0.0	1.6
Other Nondurable Goods	2,150	2,190	2,130	-1.8	0.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	16,260	16,420	16,720	-1.0	-2.8
Transportation	7,840	7,870	8,160	-0.4	-3.9
Trucking & Warehousing	4,380	4,400	4,470	-0.5	-2.0
Other Transportation	3,460	3,470	3,690	-0.3	-6.2
Communications	3,380	3,400	3,390	-0.6	-0.3
Public Utilities	5,040	5,150	5,170	-2.1	-2.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,200	20,300	20,520	-0.5	-1.6
Durable Goods	9,940	9,960	10,230	-0.2	-2.8
Nondurable Goods	10,260	10,340	10,290	-0.8	-0.3
RETAIL TRADE	49,580	49,040	48,930	1.1	1.3
General Merchandise	6,690	6,390	6,710	4.7	-0.3
Food Stores	6,460	6,410	6,510	0.8	-0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,830	6,860	6,680	-0.4	2.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3,070	2,950	3,110	4.1	-1.3
Other Retail	26,530	26,430	25,920	0.4	2.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,380	12,380	12,370	0.0	0.1
Finance	6,860	6,850	6,800	0.1	0.9
Banking	4,300	4,300	4,330	0.0	-0.7
Other Finance	2,560	2,550	2,470	0.4	3.6
Insurance	3,670	3,670	3,680	0.0	-0.3
Real Estate	1,850	1,860	1,890	-0.5	-2.1
SERVICES	58,180	58,240	57,710	-0.1	0.8
Lodging	4,330	4,310	4,500	0.5	-3.8
Nursing & Personal Care	5,980	5,960	5,850	0.3	2.2
Hospitals	12,440	12,500	12,920	-0.5	-3.7
Other Medical	6,570	6,550	6,180	0.3	6.3
Other Services	28,860	28,920	28,260	-0.2	2.1
GOVERNMENT	63,860	63,530	63,100	0.5	1.2
Federal	9,370	9,380	9,150	-0.1	2.4
State Government	19,470	19,330	19,260	0.7	1.1
Educational Services	12,660	12,600	12,660	0.5	0.0
Other State Government	6,810	6,730	6,600	1.2	3.2
Local Government	35,020	34,820	34,690	0.6	1.0
Educational Services	17,300	17,270	17,230	0.2	0.4
Other Local Government	17,720	17,550	17,460	1.0	1.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	69,180	69,660	67,080	-0.7	3.1
Mining & Construction	3,120	3,650	3,070	-14.5	1.6
Manufacturing	4,700	4,790	4,780	-1.9	-1.7
Durable Goods	1,810	1,890	1,860	-4.2	-2.7
Nondurable Goods	2,890	2,900	2,920	-0.3	-1.0
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,980	4,010	3,990	-0.7	-0.3
Trade	21,360	21,230	20,440	0.6	4.5
Wholesale Trade	6,970	6,980	6,760	-0.1	3.1
Retail Trade	14,390	14,250	13,680	1.0	5.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,380	4,380	4,250	0.0	3.1
Services	18,070	18,090	17,250	-0.1	4.8
Government	13,570	13,510	13,300	0.4	2.0
Federal	2,170	2,150	2,030	0.9	6.9
State & Local	11,400	11,360	11,270	0.4	1.2
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,300	29,390	28,390	-0.3	3.2
Mining & Construction	1,230	1,450	1,110	-15.2	10.8
Manufacturing	1,390	1,370	1,360	1.5	2.2
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,460	1,500	1,530	-2.7	-4.6
Trade	8,850	8,750	8,430	1.1	5.0
Wholesale Trade	1,410	1,420	1,390	-0.7	1.4
Retail Trade	7,440	7,330	7,040	1.5	5.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,080	1,080	1,060	0.0	1.9
Services	6,010	6,030	5,900	-0.3	1.9
Government	9,280	9,210	9,000	0.8	3.1
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,320	36,350	36,070	-0.1	0.7
Mining	230	240	220	-4.2	4.5
Construction	1,390	1,750	1,610	-20.6	-13.7
Manufacturing	1,860	1,910	1,940	-2.6	-4.1
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,720	2,770	2,860	-1.8	-4.9
Trade	10,040	9,850	9,730	1.9	3.2
Wholesale Trade	2,570	2,580	2,530	-0.4	1.6
Retail Trade	7,470	7,270	7,200	2.8	3.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,670	1,680	1,650	-0.6	1.2
Services	10,210	10,190	10,030	0.2	1.8
Government	8,200	7,960	8,030	3.0	2.1

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Divide	1,526	1,532	1,409	1,465	1,497	1,357	61	35	52	4.0	2.3	3.7
McKenzie	3,388	3,481	3,663	3,224	3,360	3,531	164	121	132	4.8	3.5	3.6
Williams	14,068	13,931	14,513	13,142	13,066	13,982	926	865	531	6.6	6.2	3.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	18,982	18,944	19,585	17,831	17,923	18,870	1,151	1,021	715	6.1	5.4	3.7
Bottineau	3,938	3,965	3,694	3,611	3,730	3,437	327	235	257	8.3	5.9	7.0
Burke	1,896	1,915	1,693	1,738	1,817	1,611	158	98	82	8.3	5.1	4.8
McHenry	3,069	3,087	2,930	2,609	2,682	2,572	460	405	358	15.0	13.1	12.2
Mountrail	3,308	3,249	3,162	2,979	3,012	2,955	329	237	207	9.9	7.3	6.5
Pierce	2,827	2,852	2,879	2,671	2,690	2,734	156	162	145	5.5	5.7	5.0
Renville	1,468	1,520	1,397	1,396	1,438	1,316	72	82	81	4.9	5.4	5.8
Ward	25,874	25,573	25,658	23,816	23,736	23,994	2,058	1,837	1,664	8.0	7.2	6.5
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,380	42,161	41,413	38,820	39,105	38,619	3,560	3,056	2,794	8.4	7.2	6.7
Benson	3,152	3,168	3,065	2,847	2,916	2,745	305	252	320	9.7	8.0	10.4
Cavalier	3,206	3,343	2,979	3,027	3,112	2,767	179	231	212	5.6	6.9	7.1
Eddy	1,646	1,611	1,654	1,441	1,462	1,494	205	149	160	12.5	9.2	9.7
Ramsey	6,697	6,693	6,422	6,252	6,273	6,030	445	420	392	6.6	6.3	6.1
Rolette	5,103	5,107	4,868	4,509	4,533	4,289	594	574	579	11.6	11.2	11.9
Towner	2,089	2,097	2,006	1,942	1,971	1,905	147	126	101	7.0	6.0	5.0
REGION 3 TOTAL	21,893	22,019	20,994	20,018	20,267	19,230	1,875	1,752	1,764	8.6	8.0	8.4
Grand Forks	32,510	32,043	29,147	31,038	30,909	28,000	1,472	1,134	1,147	4.5	3.5	3.9
Nelson	2,550	2,538	2,375	2,317	2,376	2,179	233	162	196	9.1	6.4	8.3
Pembina	5,778	5,913	5,322	5,257	5,424	4,869	521	489	453	9.0	8.3	8.5
Walsh	8,414	8,486	7,743	7,850	7,949	7,331	564	537	412	6.7	6.3	5.3
REGION 4 TOTAL	49,252	48,980	44,587	46,462	46,658	42,379	2,790	2,322	2,208	5.7	4.7	5.0
Cass	52,589	51,835	47,209	50,259	49,982	45,562	2,330	1,853	1,647	4.4	3.6	3.5
Ransom	2,752	2,760	2,561	2,654	2,658	2,462	98	102	99	3.6	3.7	3.9
Richland	8,558	8,549	9,029	7,989	8,045	8,648	569	504	381	6.6	5.9	4.2
Sargent	2,549	2,594	2,340	2,429	2,494	2,223	120	100	117	4.7	3.9	5.0
Steele	1,259	1,288	1,180	1,181	1,217	1,127	78	71	53	6.2	5.5	4.5
Traill	4,470	4,531	4,449	4,322	4,372	4,338	148	159	111	3.3	3.5	2.5
REGION 5 TOTAL	72,177	71,557	66,768	68,834	68,768	64,360	3,343	2,789	2,408	4.6	3.9	3.6

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Dec. 1985	Previous Month Nov. 1985	One Year Ago Dec. 1984	Percent Change From Nov. 1985	Percent Change From Dec. 1984
All Items	311.1	327.4	326.6	315.5	0.2	3.8
Food & Beverage	295.1	305.6	303.6	297.2	0.7	2.8
Housing	336.5	355.8	355.0	341.2	0.2	4.3
Apparel & Upkeep	200.2	209.0	211.2	203.2	-1.0	2.9
Transportation	311.7	324.0	323.2	315.8	0.2	2.6
Medical Care	379.5	414.7	413.0	388.5	0.4	6.7
Entertainment	255.1	268.3	269.0	260.1	-0.3	3.2

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1984	Current Month Dec. 1985	Previous Month Nov. 1985	One Year Ago Dec. 1984	Percent Change From Nov. 1985	Percent Change From Dec. 1984
All Commodities	310.3	310.2	309.7	309.8	0.2	0.1
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	262.6	252.1	251.0	258.6	0.4	-2.5
Industrial Commodities	322.6	325.2	325.0	323.0	0.1	0.7

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	403.94	393.05	387.28	41.6	40.9	41.2	9.71	9.61	9.40
Durable Goods	437.14	423.72	419.32	42.4	41.5	42.1	10.31	10.21	9.96
Nondurable Goods	358.90	350.00	342.00	40.6	40.0	40.0	8.84	8.75	8.55
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	320.66	319.87	307.28	39.2	39.2	38.7	8.18	8.16	7.94
Durable Goods	349.40	339.70	334.36	40.3	39.5	39.9	8.67	8.60	8.38
Nondurable Goods	304.17	307.32	291.84	38.6	39.0	38.0	7.88	7.88	7.68
Food & Kindred	324.34	339.47	314.36	40.9	42.7	40.2	7.93	7.95	7.82
Printing & Publishing	277.68	276.22	263.64	32.9	33.4	33.8	8.44	8.27	7.80
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	340.40	327.94	316.65	40.0	38.4	38.9	8.51	8.54	8.14
Durable Goods	327.64	329.99	306.40	38.5	37.8	38.3	8.51	8.73	8.00
Nondurable Goods	347.65	327.08	323.05	40.9	38.8	39.3	8.50	8.43	8.22

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Barnes	6,095	6,097	5,572	5,744	5,769	5,190	351	328	382	5.8	5.4	6.9
Dickey	3,253	3,237	3,191	3,117	3,121	3,067	136	116	124	4.2	3.6	3.9
Foster	2,041	2,077	1,970	1,919	1,958	1,852	122	119	118	6.0	5.7	6.0
Griggs	1,562	1,533	1,532	1,435	1,453	1,450	127	80	82	8.1	5.2	5.4
La Moure	2,350	2,365	2,340	2,198	2,265	2,200	152	100	140	6.5	4.2	6.0
Logan	1,294	1,321	1,336	1,190	1,248	1,265	104	73	71	8.0	5.5	5.3
McIntosh	2,266	2,247	2,079	2,180	2,171	2,031	86	76	48	3.8	3.4	2.3
Stutsman	11,748	11,669	11,504	10,960	10,976	10,818	788	693	686	6.7	5.9	6.0
Wells	3,260	3,250	3,101	3,013	3,046	2,872	247	204	229	7.6	6.3	7.4
REGION 6 TOTAL	33,869	33,796	32,625	31,756	32,007	30,745	2,113	1,789	1,880	6.2	5.3	5.8
Burleigh	29,060	28,793	28,790	26,779	26,625	26,832	2,281	2,168	1,958	7.8	7.5	6.8
Emmons	2,318	2,360	2,047	2,115	2,181	1,874	203	179	173	8.8	7.6	8.5
Grant	1,508	1,594	1,412	1,416	1,480	1,342	92	114	70	6.1	7.2	5.0
Kidder	1,312	1,310	1,332	1,168	1,207	1,217	144	103	115	11.0	7.9	8.6
McLean	5,280	5,273	5,142	4,704	4,754	4,612	576	519	530	10.9	9.8	10.3
Mercer	6,399	6,640	6,885	5,608	5,894	6,219	791	746	666	12.4	11.2	9.7
Morton	13,318	13,234	13,315	12,196	12,126	12,220	1,122	1,108	1,095	8.4	8.4	8.2
Oliver	1,009	1,083	1,031	905	978	952	104	105	79	10.3	9.7	7.7
Sheridan	1,012	1,067	967	964	1,009	903	48	58	64	4.7	5.4	6.6
Sioux	1,152	1,146	1,257	1,046	1,040	1,165	106	106	92	9.2	9.2	7.3
REGION 7 TOTAL	62,368	62,500	62,178	56,901	57,294	57,336	5,467	5,206	4,842	8.8	8.3	7.8
Adams	1,937	1,933	1,870	1,872	1,872	1,818	65	61	52	3.4	3.2	2.8
Billings	599	684	688	563	669	674	36	15	14	6.0	2.2	2.0
Bowman	2,103	2,151	2,041	2,020	2,060	2,001	83	91	40	3.9	4.2	2.0
Dunn	1,844	1,907	1,764	1,676	1,745	1,615	168	162	149	9.1	8.5	8.4
Golden Valley	1,250	1,233	1,100	1,153	1,139	1,043	97	94	57	7.8	7.6	5.2
Hettinger	1,712	1,761	1,625	1,612	1,655	1,541	100	106	84	5.8	6.0	5.2
Slope	504	483	446	469	433	425	35	50	21	6.9	10.4	4.7
Stark	12,131	12,166	12,031	11,137	11,181	11,224	994	985	807	8.2	8.1	6.7
REGION 8 TOTAL	22,080	22,318	21,565	20,502	20,754	20,341	1,578	1,564	1,224	7.1	7.0	5.7
STATE TOTAL	323,001	322,275	309,715	301,124	302,776	291,880	21,877	19,499	17,835	6.8	6.1	5.8

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Dec. 1985	Previous Month Nov. 1985	One Year Ago Dec. 1984	Percent Change From	
				Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	117,927	117,769	116,162	0.1	1.5
Employment	109,904	109,629	107,971	0.3	1.8
Unemployment	8,023	8,140	8,191	-1.4	-2.1
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	323,010	322,280	309,720	0.2	4.3
Employment	301,130	302,780	291,880	-0.5	3.2
Unemployment	21,880	19,500	17,840	12.2	22.6
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.1%	5.8%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	82,280	80,760	76,200	1.9	8.0
Employment	78,040	77,520	72,840	0.7	7.1
Unemployment	4,240	3,240	3,360	30.9	26.2
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.0%	4.4%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,510	32,040	29,150	1.5	11.5
Employment	31,040	30,910	28,000	0.4	10.9
Unemployment	1,470	1,130	1,150	30.1	27.8
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.5%	3.9%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	42,380	42,030	42,100	0.8	0.7
Employment	38,980	38,750	39,050	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment	3,400	3,280	3,050	3.7	11.5
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	7.8%	7.3%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
NOV. 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	322.3	342.8	2,248.6	394.9
Employment	202.8	323.3	2,105.0	363.6
Unemployment	19.5	19.5	143.6	31.3
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.7	6.4	7.9

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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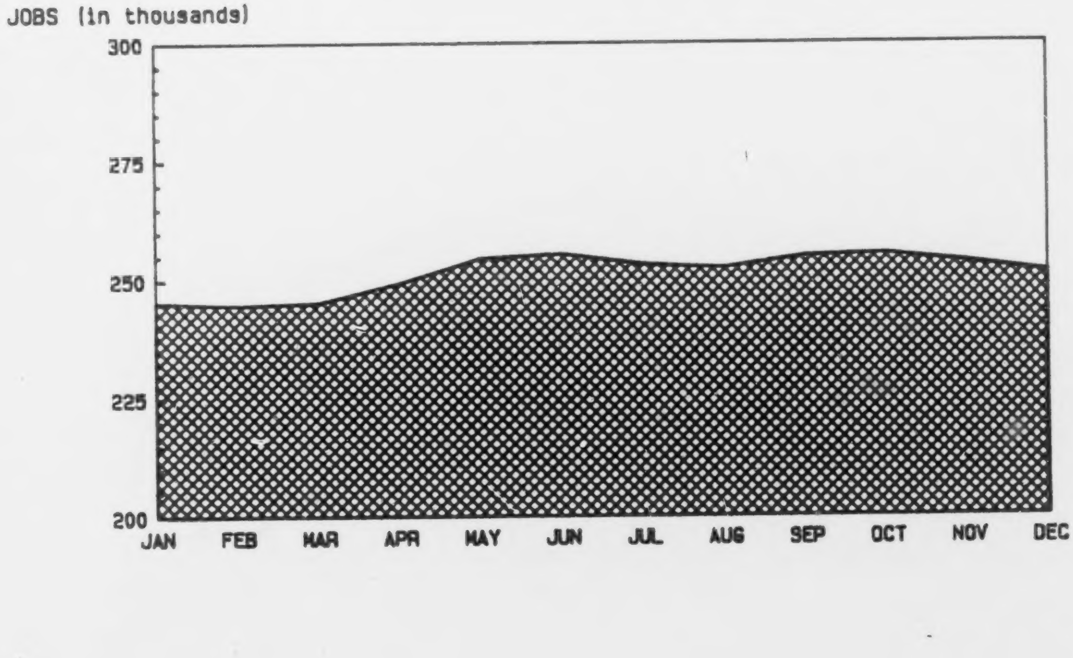

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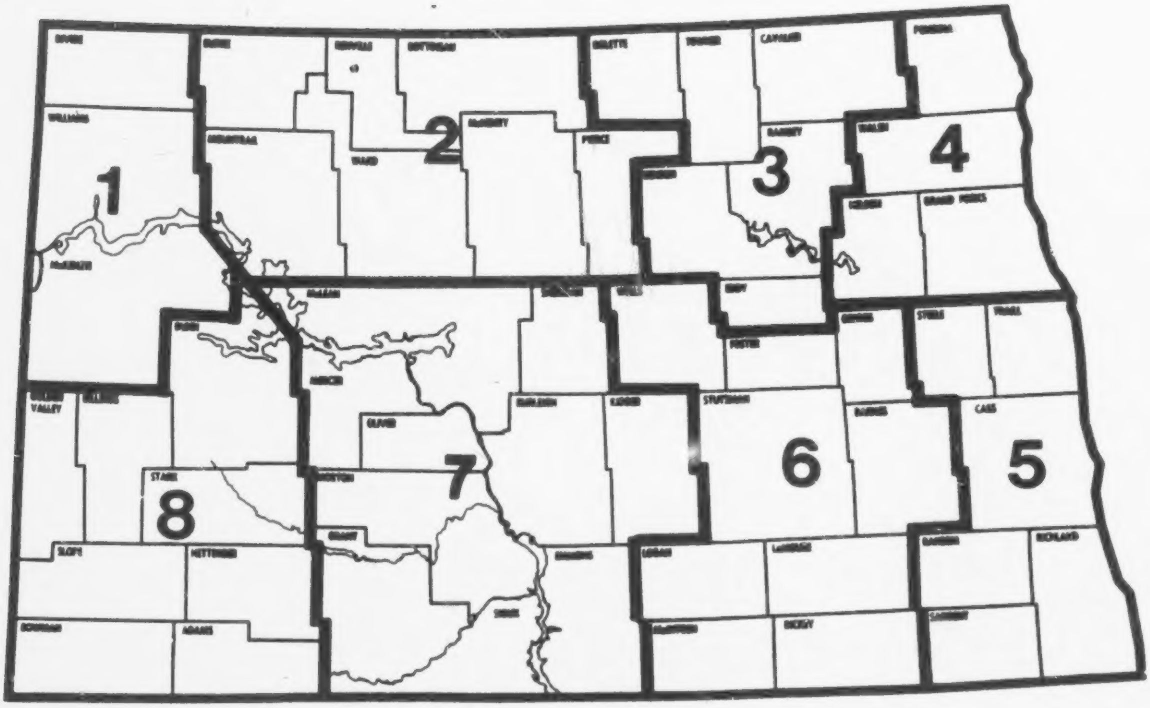
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BENCHMARKS--WHAT ARE THEY?

The term "benchmark" is familiar to those people involved in economics and statistics, but for the person who is not, the word may have little meaning. The dictionary defines the term as "A standard or point of reference . . ." The technical point of reference that is used to benchmark our employment and labor force series is March. However, to understand benchmarking and the need for the procedure, the source of the original estimates needs to be discussed.

Estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment are made each month following the benchmark month based primarily on the experience of a select group of employers commonly referred to as sample employers. These employers transmit a count of their employment on a federally-supplied survey form each month. The firms are grouped by industry, and the level of their employment is used as the primary source of estimating total employment by industry. In some cases, if the number of employers in the sample is not sufficient to make a valid estimate, experience or trends from the previous year(s) may be used to supplement the sample.

Since the basis for estimating employment in the Current Employment Statistics (CES) program is sample based, errors are bound to occur. Naturally, the farther away you are from the benchmark point, the greater the estimating error may be. Therefore, employment statistics are "benched" each year.

The primary source of the benchmark is from the report entitled, Employment, Wages and Contributions and is commonly referred to as the ES-202 Report. The report is a compilation of employment and wages received from employers who are required by law to submit this information quarterly. The ES-202 Report is the basis for a wide variety of statistical data at both the state and national level. Its importance stems from the fact that approximately 92 percent of all nonfarm employees are covered by unemployment insurance.

A logical question to ask at this point would be--"If this report is so comprehensive, why do we estimate employment each month?" The ES-202 has one major drawback and that is the time lag. Due to the number of employer reports received each quarter, the ES-202 cannot be prepared until five months following the close of the quarter. Therefore, a first quarter report containing January data would not be available until September. In this era, such a lag is not acceptable and the main function of the CES program is to provide accurate estimates during this period.

As mentioned previously, the official benchmark date is March; however, we delay finalizing our benchmarking until December when data for the second quarter is available. The data from the ES-202 Report, along with available data from other sources, replaces the estimates for 1984 through June 1985. Estimates will then be linked forward from June 1985 until late 1986 when all estimates will be benched to the March 1986 ES-202.

When benchmarking is in process, estimates are still produced based on the "old benchmark" which in this case is March 1984. When December 1985 estimates are produced on the new bench, the switchover is accomplished. All historic data--in this case, 1984 and 1985 for the state, and the Fargo-Moorhead, Grand Forks, and Bismarck Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)--reflect the benchmark revisions. The benchmark also affects the hours and earnings series for the manufacturing industry and the labor force and employment and unemployment estimates for the state, the MSAs, and the counties. Some of the revised data is currently available and the balance will be completed within a few weeks. If you are interested in receiving the benchmarked data, please contact this agency.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
TOTAL	243,620	251,250	245,310	-3.0	-0.7
MINING	6,280	6,510	7,150	-3.5	-12.2
Coal	1,290	1,330	1,380	-3.0	-6.5
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,800	4,930	5,550	-2.6	-13.5
Other Mining	190	250	220	-24.0	-13.6
CONSTRUCTION	7,890	10,110	8,980	-22.0	-12.1
Building Construction	2,570	2,970	2,710	-13.5	-5.2
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,240	2,220	1,790	-44.1	-30.7
Special Trade Construction	4,080	4,920	4,480	-17.1	-8.9
MANUFACTURING	15,080	15,370	15,360	-1.9	-1.8
Durable Goods	5,830	6,070	6,070	-4.0	-4.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass	510	610	480	-16.4	6.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	620	620	700	0.0	-11.4
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,630	3,820	3,880	-5.0	-6.4
Other Durable Goods	1,070	1,020	1,010	4.9	5.9
Nondurable Goods	9,250	9,300	9,290	-0.5	-0.4
Food & Kindred Products	4,760	4,760	4,760	0.0	0.0
Dairy Products	860	880	880	-2.3	-2.3
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,810	1,790	1,840	1.1	-1.6
Bakery Products	440	440	450	0.0	-2.2
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,650	1,650	1,590	0.0	3.8
Printing & Publishing	2,470	2,460	2,450	0.4	0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	2,020	2,080	2,080	-2.9	-2.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,690	16,110	16,300	-2.6	-3.7
Transportation	7,360	7,710	7,770	-4.5	-5.3
Trucking & Warehousing	4,020	4,300	4,150	-6.5	-3.1
Other Transportation	3,340	3,410	3,620	-2.1	-7.7
Communications	3,400	3,440	3,380	-1.2	0.6
Public Utilities	4,930	4,960	5,150	-0.6	-4.3

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From One Month Ago	Percent Change From One Year Ago
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,040	19,520	19,660	-2.5	-3.2
Durable Goods	9,290	9,500	9,690	-2.2	-4.1
Nondurable Goods	9,750	10,020	9,970	-2.7	-2.2
RETAIL TRADE	46,500	48,510	46,230	-4.1	0.6
General Merchandise	6,060	6,580	6,160	-7.9	-1.6
Food Stores	6,470	6,620	6,240	-2.3	3.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,680	6,740	6,690	-0.9	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,860	2,990	2,850	-4.3	0.4
Other Retail	24,430	25,580	24,290	-4.5	0.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,320	12,410	12,220	-0.7	0.8
Finance	6,840	6,830	6,780	0.1	0.9
Banking	4,330	4,330	4,320	0.0	0.2
Other Finance	2,510	2,500	2,460	0.4	2.0
Insurance	3,720	3,740	3,700	-0.5	0.5
Real Estate	1,760	1,840	1,740	-4.3	1.1
SERVICES	57,740	58,160	56,580	-0.7	2.1
Lodging	4,170	4,350	4,200	-4.1	-0.7
Nursing & Personal Care	6,190	6,220	6,180	-0.5	0.2
Hospitals	12,290	12,290	12,470	0.0	-1.4
Other Medical	6,390	6,350	6,150	0.6	3.9
Other Services	28,700	28,950	27,580	-0.9	4.1
GOVERNMENT	63,080	64,550	62,830	-2.3	0.4
Federal	9,490	9,520	9,180	-0.3	3.4
State Government	18,790	19,860	19,100	-5.4	-1.6
Educational Services	12,170	13,050	12,340	-6.7	-1.4
Other State Government	6,620	6,810	6,760	-2.8	-2.1
Local Government	34,800	35,170	34,550	-1.1	0.7
Educational Services	17,630	17,720	17,420	-0.5	1.2
Other Local Government	17,170	17,450	17,130	-1.6	0.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,780	67,990	65,590	-1.8	1.8
Mining & Construction	2,370	2,840	2,520	-16.5	-6.0
Manufacturing	4,660	4,710	4,850	-1.1	-3.9
Durable Goods	1,810	1,830	1,940	-1.1	-6.7
Nondurable Goods	2,850	2,880	2,910	-1.0	-2.1
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,900	4,040	3,960	-3.5	-1.5
Trade	20,100	20,590	19,470	-2.4	3.2
Wholesale Trade	6,570	6,660	6,490	-1.4	1.2
Retail Trade	13,530	13,930	12,980	-2.9	4.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,240	4,250	4,140	-0.2	2.4
Services	17,710	17,840	16,970	-0.7	4.4
Government	13,800	13,720	13,680	0.6	0.9
Federal	2,110	2,130	2,010	-0.9	5.0
State & Local	11,690	11,590	11,670	0.9	0.2
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,350	28,970	26,970	-5.6	1.4
Mining & Construction	1,190	1,340	920	-11.2	29.3
Manufacturing	1,460	1,450	1,300	0.7	12.3
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,380	1,430	1,450	-3.5	-4.8
Trade	7,920	8,370	8,010	-5.4	-1.1
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,380	1,380	-1.4	-1.4
Retail Trade	6,560	6,990	6,630	-6.2	-1.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,060	1,070	1,040	-0.9	1.9
Services	6,010	6,150	5,820	-2.3	3.3
Government	8,330	9,160	8,430	-9.1	-1.2
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,000	36,070	35,010	-3.0	0.0
Mining	190	210	200	-9.5	-5.0
Construction	1,100	1,280	1,200	-14.1	-8.3
Manufacturing	1,870	1,920	1,880	-2.6	-0.5
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,700	2,750	2,850	-1.8	-5.3
Trade	9,500	9,970	9,300	-4.7	2.2
Wholesale	2,310	2,340	2,410	-1.3	-4.1
Retail	7,190	7,630	6,890	-5.8	4.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,670	1,680	1,670	-0.6	0.0
Services	10,040	10,030	9,810	0.1	2.3
Government	7,930	8,230	8,100	-3.6	-2.1

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Jan. 1986	Previous Month Dec. 1985	One Year Ago Jan. 1985	Percent Change From	
					Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
All Items	322.2	328.4	327.4	316.1	0.3	3.9
Food & Beverage	302.0	307.9	305.6	299.3	0.8	2.9
Housing	349.9	356.8	355.8	342.0	0.3	4.3
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	205.0	209.0	199.8	-1.9	2.6
Transportation	319.9	323.9	324.0	314.7	-0-	2.9
Medical Care	403.1	418.2	414.7	391.1	0.8	6.9
Entertainment	265.0	270.8	268.3	261.0	0.9	3.8

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Jan. 1986	Previous Month Dec. 1985	One Year Ago Jan. 1985	Percent Change From	
					Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	309.0	310.2	309.7	-0.4	-0.2
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	250.9	252.1	257.6	-0.5	-2.6
Industrial Commodities	323.9	324.0	325.2	323.1	-0.4	0.3

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	393.41	404.35	380.03	40.6	41.6	40.3	9.69	9.72	9.43
Durable Goods	424.56	437.99	410.59	41.3	42.4	41.1	10.28	10.33	9.99
Nondurable Goods	350.15	358.02	336.73	39.7	40.5	39.2	8.82	8.84	8.59
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	316.22	323.44	302.57	38.8	39.3	38.3	8.15	8.23	7.90
Durable Goods	333.91	352.69	326.82	39.1	40.4	39.0	8.54	8.73	8.38
Nondurable Goods	305.71	305.33	287.66	38.6	38.6	37.8	7.92	7.91	7.61
Food & Kindred	323.21	324.75	312.78	40.3	40.9	40.1	8.02	7.94	7.80
Printing & Publishing	269.38	279.84	259.21	32.3	33.0	32.2	8.34	8.48	8.05
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	316.68	340.35	312.19	37.7	39.9	38.4	8.40	8.53	8.13
Durable Goods	312.38	324.94	306.06	37.5	38.5	37.6	8.33	8.44	8.14
Nondurable Goods	319.03	349.21	315.87	37.8	40.7	38.9	8.44	8.58	8.12

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Divide	1,353	1,458	1,375	1,246	1,404	1,321	107	54	54	7.9	3.7	3.9
McKenzie	3,382	3,442	3,524	3,107	3,287	3,339	275	155	185	8.1	4.5	5.2
Williams	12,828	14,025	13,696	11,642	13,098	12,809	1,186	927	887	9.2	6.6	6.5
REGION 1 TOTAL	17,563	18,925	18,595	15,995	17,789	17,469	1,568	1,136	1,126	8.9	6.0	6.1
Bottineau	3,354	3,659	3,544	3,018	3,376	3,191	336	283	353	10.0	7.7	10.0
Burke	1,357	1,491	1,375	1,231	1,370	1,294	126	121	81	9.3	8.1	5.9
McHenry	2,655	2,707	2,686	2,129	2,302	2,202	526	405	484	19.8	15.0	18.0
Mountrail	3,030	3,058	3,022	2,709	2,765	2,743	321	293	279	10.6	9.6	9.2
Pierce	2,351	2,401	2,453	2,189	2,267	2,269	162	134	184	6.9	5.6	7.5
Renville	1,200	1,262	1,241	1,094	1,203	1,120	106	59	121	8.8	4.7	9.8
Ward	24,499	25,674	24,669	22,326	23,744	22,583	2,173	1,930	2,086	8.9	7.5	8.5
REGION 2 TOTAL	38,446	40,252	38,990	34,696	37,027	35,402	3,750	3,225	3,588	9.8	8.0	9.2
Benson	2,938	3,044	3,002	2,638	2,759	2,672	300	285	330	10.2	9.4	11.0
Cavalier	2,319	2,604	2,459	2,135	2,463	2,231	184	141	228	7.9	5.4	9.3
Eddy	1,366	1,416	1,424	1,155	1,234	1,235	211	182	189	15.4	12.9	13.3
Ramsey	6,103	6,209	6,064	5,598	5,802	5,593	505	407	471	8.3	6.6	7.8
Rolette	5,053	5,057	4,900	4,366	4,483	4,119	687	574	781	13.6	11.4	15.9
Towner	1,602	1,739	1,605	1,492	1,621	1,493	110	118	112	6.9	6.8	7.0
REGION 3 TOTAL	19,381	20,069	19,454	17,384	18,362	17,343	1,997	1,707	2,111	10.3	8.5	10.9
Grand Forks	32,873	35,334	32,636	31,388	34,114	31,084	1,485	1,220	1,552	4.5	3.5	4.8
Nelson	1,908	2,026	1,970	1,687	1,837	1,732	221	189	238	11.6	9.3	12.1
Pembina	5,138	5,166	4,834	4,546	4,711	4,362	592	455	472	11.5	8.8	9.8
Walsh	7,230	7,699	6,607	6,714	7,188	6,159	516	511	448	7.1	6.6	6.8
REGION 4 TOTAL	47,149	50,225	46,047	44,335	47,850	43,337	2,814	2,375	2,710	6.0	4.7	5.9
Cass	56,504	55,638	52,297	53,736	53,332	50,138	2,768	2,306	2,159	4.9	4.1	4.1
Ransom	2,514	2,560	2,483	2,386	2,469	2,350	128	91	133	5.1	3.6	5.4
Richland	7,739	7,976	7,983	7,135	7,443	7,468	604	533	515	7.8	6.7	6.5
Sargent	2,237	2,454	2,292	2,107	2,341	2,139	130	113	153	5.8	4.6	6.7
Steele	1,010	1,109	1,058	930	1,040	983	80	69	75	7.9	6.2	7.1
Traill	4,015	4,169	4,040	3,869	4,032	3,887	146	137	153	3.6	3.3	3.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	74,019	73,906	70,153	70,163	70,657	66,965	3,856	3,249	3,188	5.2	4.4	4.5

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Barnes	5,460	5,849	5,557	4,971	5,520	5,033	489	329	524	9.0	5.6	9.4
Dickey	2,918	3,077	2,946	2,740	2,950	2,788	178	127	158	6.1	4.1	5.4
Foster	1,969	2,234	2,068	1,822	2,108	1,914	147	126	154	7.5	5.6	7.4
Griggs	1,350	1,415	1,358	1,234	1,294	1,266	116	121	92	8.6	8.6	6.8
La Moure	2,129	2,302	2,247	1,984	2,157	2,098	145	145	149	6.8	6.3	6.6
Logan	1,303	1,284	1,310	1,210	1,186	1,225	93	98	85	7.1	7.6	6.5
McIntosh	2,011	2,130	2,011	1,904	2,047	1,953	107	83	58	5.3	3.9	2.9
Stutsman	11,845	12,181	11,716	10,850	11,401	10,844	995	780	872	8.4	6.4	7.4
Wells	2,640	2,829	2,761	2,366	2,601	2,470	274	228	291	10.4	8.1	10.5
REGION 6 TOTAL	31,625	33,301	31,974	29,081	31,264	29,591	2,544	2,037	2,383	8.0	6.1	7.5
Burleigh	29,609	30,620	29,609	26,917	28,349	27,162	2,692	2,271	2,447	9.1	7.4	8.3
Emmons	2,005	2,196	2,037	1,821	2,011	1,826	184	185	211	9.2	8.4	10.4
Grant	1,642	1,726	1,650	1,520	1,626	1,557	122	100	93	7.4	5.8	5.6
Kidder	1,390	1,380	1,422	1,205	1,232	1,222	185	148	200	13.3	10.7	14.1
McLean	4,439	4,730	4,615	3,854	4,231	4,053	585	499	562	13.2	10.5	12.2
Mercer	6,190	6,559	7,178	5,362	5,796	6,447	828	763	731	13.4	11.6	10.2
Morton	13,445	13,857	13,524	12,094	12,738	12,204	1,351	1,119	1,320	10.0	8.1	9.8
Oliver	1,085	985	919	975	891	827	110	94	92	10.1	9.5	10.0
Sheridan	986	965	955	900	919	875	86	46	80	8.7	4.8	8.4
Sioux	1,193	1,173	1,246	1,109	1,078	1,138	84	95	108	7.0	8.1	8.7
REGION 7 TOTAL	61,984	64,191	63,155	55,757	58,871	57,311	6,227	5,320	5,844	10.0	8.3	9.3
Adams	1,592	1,682	1,635	1,534	1,623	1,579	58	59	56	3.6	3.5	3.4
Billings	685	618	657	664	583	640	21	35	17	3.1	5.7	2.6
Bowman	1,945	2,126	2,027	1,844	2,043	1,944	101	83	83	5.2	3.9	4.1
Dunn	1,721	1,803	1,751	1,553	1,640	1,586	168	163	165	9.8	9.0	9.4
Golden Valley	1,018	1,086	1,028	915	999	943	103	87	85	10.1	8.0	8.3
Hettinger	1,725	1,799	1,753	1,588	1,701	1,632	137	98	121	7.9	5.4	6.9
Slope	370	479	418	335	446	376	35	33	42	9.5	6.9	10.0
Stark	11,778	12,526	12,315	10,664	11,540	11,196	1,114	986	1,119	9.5	7.9	9.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	20,834	22,119	21,584	19,097	20,575	19,896	1,737	1,544	1,688	8.3	7.0	7.8
STATE TOTAL	311,001	322,988	309,952	286,508	302,395	287,314	24,493	20,593	22,638	7.9	6.4	7.3

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	118,477	117,927	116,572	0.5	1.6
Employment	110,646	109,904	108,088	0.7	2.4
Unemployment	7,831	8,023	8,484	-2.4	-7.7
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.8%	7.3%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	311,000	322,990	309,950	-3.7	0.3
Employment	286,510	302,400	287,310	-5.3	-0.3
Unemployment	24,490	20,590	22,640	18.9	8.2
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	6.4%	7.3%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,690	82,610	78,880	2.5	7.4
Employment	79,910	78,590	74,740	1.7	6.9
Unemployment	4,780	4,020	4,140	18.9	15.5
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.9%	5.2%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	32,880	35,330	32,630	-6.9	0.8
Employment	31,390	34,110	31,080	-8.0	1.0
Unemployment	1,490	1,220	1,550	22.1	-3.9
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.5%	4.8%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,050	44,480	43,140	-3.2	-0.2
Employment	39,010	41,090	39,370	-5.1	-0.9
Unemployment	4,040	3,390	3,770	19.2	7.2
Unemployment Rate	9.4%	7.6%	8.7%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
DECEMBER 1985
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	323.0	339.5	2,244.7	391.4
Employment	302.4	321.9	2,076.6	357.0
Unemployment	20.6	17.6	168.1	34.4
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.2	7.5	8.8

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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GRAND FORKS
2016 S Washington
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GRAFTON
728 Hill Avenue S
Phone: 352-2202

JAMESTOWN
429 Second Street SW
Phone: 251-2256

MANDAN
501 First Street NW
Phone: 663-6461

MINOT
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VALLEY CITY
2425 W Main
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WAHPETON
524 Second Avenue N
Phone: 671-2711

WILLISTON
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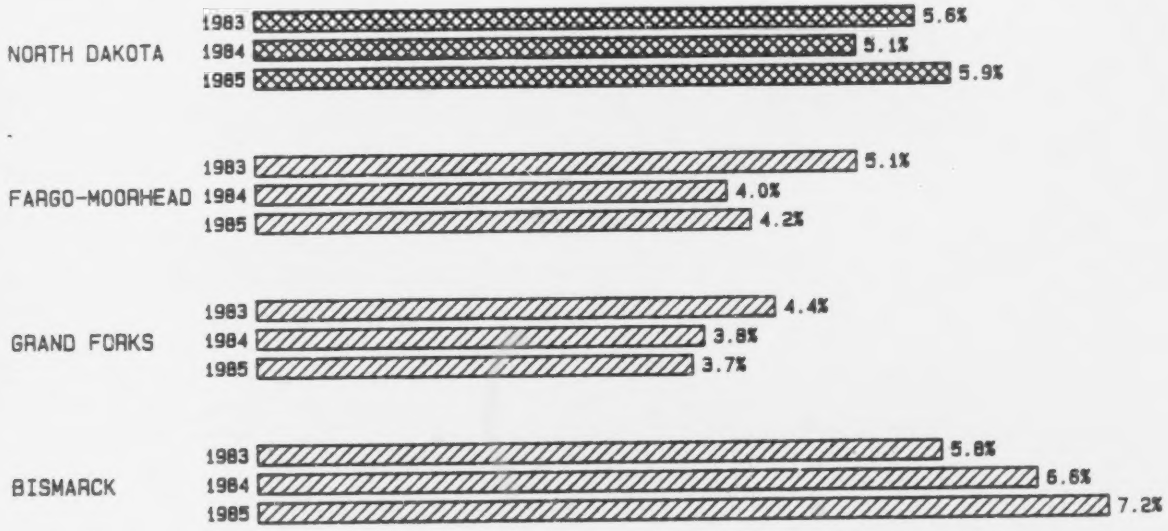

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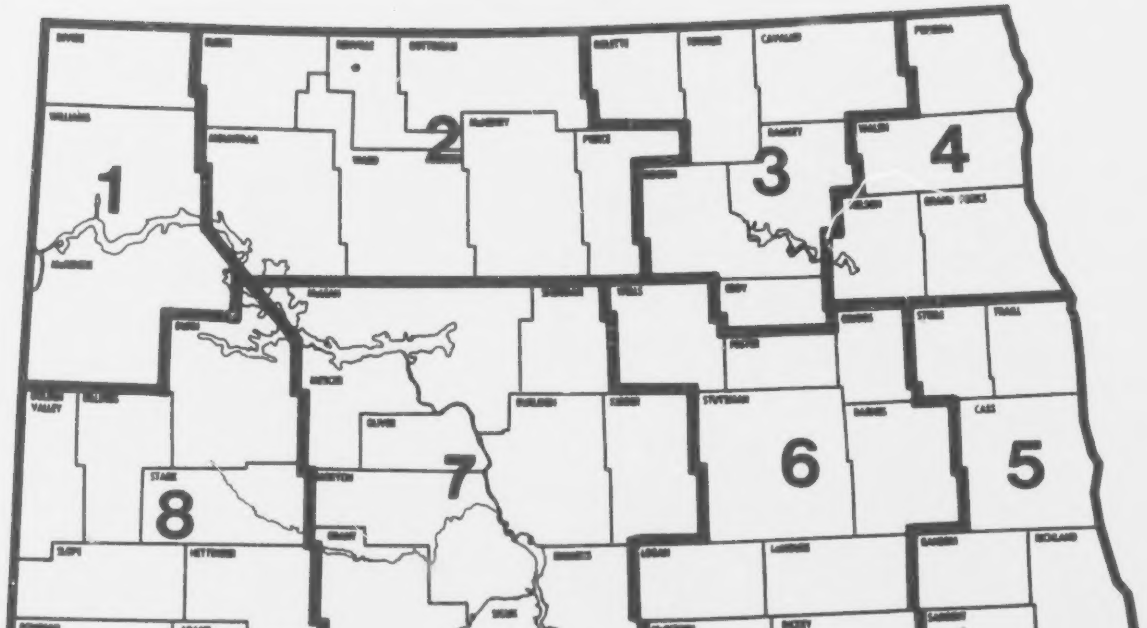

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NORTH DAKOTA - 1984 VERSUS 1985

The article in the February Labor Market Advisor discussed "Benchmarks." With the procedure now completed for another year, it is interesting to go back and review data for 1985. How did it compare with 1984? What changes occurred and how did the various industries fare? What happened in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)? Was their experience similar to the state or do the figures reflect underlying local conditions?

NORTH DAKOTA. The labor force increased by 2.5 percent, but the annual average unemployment rate jumped from 5.1 percent in 1984 to 5.9 percent in 1985. A review of the change in employment by industry from 1984 to 1985 confirms what the news media has been conveying all year. With the completion of the coal gasification plant in Mercer County, employment in the construction industry dropped by nearly 2,000. Mining averaged 600 fewer workers as the price of oil continued to decline. This drop, coupled with a sagging farm economy, is reflected by a decrease of over 600 in wholesale trade. Only retail trade, finance, insurance and real estate, services, and government reflect over-the-year gains and they totaled only a little over 2,000.

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA. The labor force increased by 3 percent and the unemployment rate edged up from 4 percent in 1984 to 4.2 percent in 1985. Nonfarm employment increased by 1,120. Although the growth is small, it still reflects a move in the right direction. Only construction and manufacturing registered decreases. The drop in manufacturing was the result of the poor farm economy. The balance of the industries showed some growth, although it has to be considered minor. Retail trade combined with services accounted for three out of every four new jobs in 1985.

GRAND FORKS MSA. This area conveys a picture of a stronger economy than either the state or the Fargo-Moorhead MSA. The labor force grew by over 5 percent, and the unemployment rate dropped from 3.8 percent in 1984 to 3.7 percent in 1985. A review of the nonag wage and salary segment shows growth in all industries with the exception of transportation, communications, and utilities. Many times, one or two industries account for most of the growth such as retail trade and services in Fargo-Moorhead. In Grand Forks, five of the eight industries indicated gains from 130 to 200.

BISMARCK MSA. The only MSA in the western part of the state did not fare as well as the two on the eastern border. The labor force edged up by 2.8 percent while the unemployment rate jumped from an average of 6.6 percent in 1984 to 7.2 percent in 1985. These rates are well above the respective statewide rates of 5.1 percent and 5.9 percent. The pattern of change in nonagricultural wage and salary employment is similar to that displayed by the state. Construction dropped by 200, manufacturing by 20, and wholesale trade by 110. The drop in construction reflects the decline in this activity in the Mercer County area. A decline in mining activity in the western part of the state, coupled with the depressed agricultural economy, caused wholesale trade employment to fall.

Based on labor force and employment figures, 1985 could not be classified as a great year for North Dakota. The western part of the state has been hit harder due to the completion of major construction projects and the declining oil industry. The east, which did not share in the "boom" during the years when the coal gasification plant was under construction and oil exploration and mining was at its peak, did not suffer the adverse effect currently prevalent in the western part of the state.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
TOTAL	243,690	243,740	244,640	0.0	-0.4
MINING	5,760	6,260	6,730	-8.0	-14.4
Coal	1,250	1,270	1,390	-1.6	-10.1
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,310	4,800	5,110	-10.2	-15.7
Other Mining	200	190	230	5.3	-13.0
CONSTRUCTION	7,410	7,820	8,590	-5.2	-13.7
Building Construction	2,330	2,570	2,440	-9.3	-4.5
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,190	1,180	1,810	0.8	-34.3
Special Trade Construction	3,890	4,070	4,340	-4.4	-10.4
MANUFACTURING	15,230	15,100	15,370	0.9	-0.9
Durable Goods	5,870	5,850	6,080	0.3	-3.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass	490	510	440	-3.9	11.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	600	620	660	-3.2	-9.1
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,690	3,640	4,000	1.4	-7.7
Other Durable Goods	1,090	1,080	980	0.9	11.2
Nondurable Goods	9,360	9,250	9,290	1.2	0.8
Food & Kindred Products	4,840	4,760	4,800	1.7	0.8
Dairy Products	860	860	900	0.0	-4.4
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,910	1,810	1,860	5.5	2.7
Bakery Products	440	440	430	0.0	2.3
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,630	1,650	1,610	-1.2	1.2
Printing & Publishing	2,460	2,470	2,420	-0.4	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,060	2,020	2,070	2.0	-0.5
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,700	15,800	16,290	-0.6	-3.6
Transportation	7,420	7,490	7,720	-0.9	-3.9
Trucking & Warehousing	3,960	4,020	4,100	-1.5	-3.4
Other Transportation	3,460	3,470	3,620	-0.3	-4.4
Communications	3,360	3,380	3,380	-0.6	-0.6
Public Utilities	4,920	4,930	5,190	-0.2	-5.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	18,940	19,020	19,520	-0.4	-3.0
Durable Goods	9,270	9,290	9,650	-0.2	-3.9
Nondurable Goods	9,670	9,730	9,870	-0.6	-2.0
RETAIL TRADE	46,070	46,520	45,530	-1.0	1.2
General Merchandise	5,840	6,110	5,820	-4.4	0.3
Food Stores	6,450	6,470	6,200	-0.3	4.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,660	6,680	6,680	-0.3	-0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,760	2,860	2,740	-3.5	0.7
Other Retail	24,360	24,400	24,090	-0.2	1.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,330	12,350	12,230	-0.2	0.8
Finance	6,810	6,850	6,770	-0.6	0.6
Banking	4,290	4,340	4,300	-1.2	-0.2
Other Finance	2,520	2,510	2,470	0.4	2.0
Insurance	3,750	3,740	3,700	0.3	1.4
Real Estate	1,770	1,760	1,760	0.6	0.6
SERVICES	57,840	57,780	56,670	0.1	2.1
Lodging	4,190	4,170	4,200	0.5	-0.2
Nursing & Personal Care	6,190	6,190	6,140	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	12,270	12,290	12,440	-0.2	-1.4
Other Medical	6,360	6,390	6,120	-0.5	3.9
Other Services	28,830	28,740	27,770	0.3	3.8
GOVERNMENT	64,410	63,090	63,710	2.1	1.1
Federal	9,510	9,490	9,180	0.2	3.6
State Government	19,600	18,790	19,590	4.3	0.1
Educational Services	12,960	12,170	12,810	6.5	1.2
Other State Government	6,640	6,620	6,780	0.3	-2.1
Local Government	35,300	34,810	34,940	1.4	1.0
Educational Services	18,140	17,640	17,790	2.8	2.0
Other Local Government	17,160	17,170	17,150	-0.1	0.1

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,740	66,880	65,210	-0.2	2.3
Mining & Construction	2,260	2,380	2,360	-5.0	-4.2
Manufacturing	4,660	4,650	4,810	0.2	-3.1
Durable Goods	1,830	1,810	1,960	1.1	-6.6
Nondurable Goods	2,830	2,840	2,850	-0.4	-0.7
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,950	3,940	3,990	0.3	-1.0
Trade	19,880	20,090	19,200	-1.0	3.5
Wholesale Trade	6,560	6,570	6,480	-0.2	1.2
Retail Trade	13,320	13,520	12,720	-1.5	4.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,290	4,260	4,160	0.7	3.1
Services	17,720	17,750	16,860	-0.2	5.1
Government	13,980	13,810	13,830	1.2	1.1
Federal	2,120	2,120	2,000	0.0	6.0
State & Local	11,860	11,690	11,830	1.5	0.3
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,290	27,410	27,430	3.2	3.1
Mining & Construction	1,160	1,190	910	-2.5	27.5
Manufacturing	1,590	1,470	1,310	8.2	21.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,400	1,410	1,440	-0.7	-2.8
Trade	7,900	7,930	7,920	-0.4	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,360	1,380	0.0	-1.4
Retail Trade	6,540	6,570	6,540	-0.5	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,060	1,060	1,050	0.0	1.0
Services	6,100	6,010	5,910	1.5	3.2
Government	9,080	8,340	8,890	8.9	2.1
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	34,980	35,020	34,800	-0.1	0.5
Mining	190	190	200	0.0	-5.0
Construction	1,060	1,090	1,100	-2.8	-3.6
Manufacturing	1,870	1,880	1,840	-0.5	1.6
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,710	2,720	2,840	-0.4	-4.6
Trade	9,330	9,470	9,090	-1.5	2.6
Wholesale	2,300	2,310	2,400	-0.4	-4.2
Retail	7,030	7,160	6,690	-1.8	5.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,690	1,670	0.6	1.8
Services	10,060	10,040	9,880	0.2	1.8
Government	8,060	7,940	8,180	1.5	-1.5

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Feb. 1986	Previous Month Jan. 1986	One Year Ago Feb. 1985	Percent Change From	
					Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
All Items	322.2	327.5	328.4	317.4	-0.3	3.2
Food & Beverage	302.0	307.7	307.9	301.4	-0.1	2.1
Housing	349.9	356.5	356.8	343.3	-0.1	3.8
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	204.1	205.0	201.8	-0.4	1.1
Transportation	319.9	319.2	323.9	314.3	-1.5	1.6
Medical Care	403.1	422.3	418.2	393.8	1.0	7.2
Entertainment	265.0	272.0	270.8	261.3	0.4	4.1

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Feb. 1986	Previous Month Jan. 1986	One Year Ago Feb. 1985	Percent Change From	
					Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	304.7	309.0	309.1	-1.4	-1.4
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	247.9	250.9	258.0	-1.2	-3.9
Industrial Commodities	323.9	319.4	324.0	322.2	-1.4	-0.9

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	389.14	393.98	374.37	40.2	40.7	39.7	9.68	9.68	9.43
Durable Goods	421.48	425.18	403.60	41.0	41.4	40.4	10.28	10.27	9.99
Nondurable Goods	346.14	350.15	333.68	39.2	39.7	38.8	8.83	8.82	8.60
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	308.13	314.24	304.80	37.9	38.7	38.1	8.13	8.12	8.00
Durable Goods	336.02	330.58	340.75	39.3	38.8	39.9	8.55	8.52	8.54
Nondurable Goods	293.14	304.55	283.44	37.2	38.6	37.1	7.88	7.89	7.64
Food & Kindred	301.78	322.80	301.47	38.2	40.3	38.7	7.90	8.01	7.79
Printing & Publishing	274.46	267.15	262.35	32.1	32.5	33.0	8.55	8.22	7.95
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	318.97	328.71	305.80	38.2	38.9	37.8	8.35	8.45	8.09
Durable Goods	322.92	310.88	306.85	39.0	37.5	38.5	8.28	8.29	7.97
Nondurable Goods	316.68	338.18	306.00	37.7	39.6	37.5	8.40	8.54	8.16

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Barnes	5,729	5,501	5,754	5,236	5,012	5,178	493	489	576	8.6	8.9	10.0
Dickey	3,006	2,945	3,007	2,850	2,767	2,830	156	178	177	5.2	6.0	5.9
Foster	2,057	1,987	2,097	1,888	1,840	1,934	169	147	163	8.2	7.4	7.8
Griggs	1,404	1,360	1,409	1,290	1,244	1,292	114	116	117	8.1	8.5	8.3
La Moure	2,240	2,149	2,338	2,083	2,004	2,145	157	145	193	7.0	6.7	8.3
Logan	1,361	1,313	1,339	1,257	1,220	1,244	104	93	95	7.6	7.1	7.1
McIntosh	2,098	2,033	2,100	2,011	1,924	2,012	87	109	88	4.1	5.4	4.2
Stutsman	12,174	11,961	11,895	11,232	10,965	10,960	942	996	935	7.7	8.3	7.9
Wells	2,745	2,667	2,832	2,464	2,394	2,503	281	273	329	10.2	10.2	11.6
REGION 6 TOTAL	32,814	31,916	32,771	30,311	29,370	30,098	2,503	2,546	2,673	7.6	8.0	8.2
Burleigh	30,319	29,882	29,504	27,640	27,189	27,183	2,679	2,693	2,321	8.8	9.0	7.9
Emmons	2,100	2,022	2,093	1,902	1,838	1,862	198	184	231	9.4	9.1	11.0
Grant	1,785	1,653	1,729	1,635	1,531	1,635	150	122	94	8.4	7.4	5.4
Kidder	1,490	1,400	1,475	1,282	1,216	1,271	208	184	204	14.0	13.1	13.8
McLean	4,608	4,477	4,681	4,002	3,891	4,102	606	586	579	13.2	13.1	12.4
Mercer	6,445	6,249	7,313	5,615	5,420	6,570	830	829	743	12.9	13.3	10.2
Morton	13,780	13,568	13,468	12,419	12,217	12,214	1,361	1,351	1,254	9.9	10.0	9.3
Oliver	1,124	1,095	946	1,018	984	848	106	111	98	9.4	10.1	10.4
Sheridan	1,080	994	1,030	972	908	928	108	86	102	10.0	8.7	9.9
Sioux	1,226	1,199	1,258	1,141	1,116	1,145	85	83	113	6.9	6.9	9.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	63,957	62,539	63,497	57,626	56,310	57,758	6,331	6,229	5,739	9.9	10.0	9.0
Adams	1,656	1,608	1,652	1,588	1,550	1,594	68	58	58	4.1	3.6	3.5
Billings	706	692	665	674	670	636	32	22	29	4.5	3.2	4.4
Bowman	2,069	1,962	2,080	1,911	1,861	1,964	158	101	116	7.6	5.1	5.6
Dunn	1,801	1,734	1,836	1,597	1,566	1,594	204	168	242	11.3	9.7	13.2
Golden Valley	1,024	1,027	1,007	931	924	936	93	103	71	9.1	10.0	7.1
Hettinger	1,837	1,741	1,808	1,679	1,604	1,682	158	137	126	8.6	7.9	7.0
Slope	436	372	453	369	337	406	67	35	47	15.4	9.4	10.4
Stark	12,291	11,887	12,367	10,929	10,773	11,180	1,362	1,114	1,187	11.1	9.4	9.6
REGION 8 TOTAL	21,820	21,023	21,868	19,678	19,285	19,992	2,142	1,738	1,876	9.8	8.3	8.6
STATE TOTAL	318,988	311,000	313,331	293,827	286,525	290,144	25,161	24,475	23,187	7.9	7.9	7.4

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Divide	1,341	1,366	1,372	1,258	1,257	1,301	83	109	71	6.2	8.0	5.2
McKenzie	3,457	3,414	3,540	3,178	3,138	3,324	279	276	216	8.1	8.1	6.1
Williams	13,261	12,961	13,663	11,904	11,772	12,751	1,357	1,189	912	10.2	9.2	6.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	18,059	17,741	18,575	16,340	16,167	17,376	1,719	1,574	1,199	9.5	8.9	6.5
Bottineau	3,443	3,382	3,545	3,123	3,046	3,219	320	336	326	9.3	9.9	9.2
Burke	1,442	1,368	1,445	1,316	1,244	1,347	126	124	98	8.7	9.1	6.8
McHenry	2,815	2,672	2,814	2,246	2,148	2,268	569	524	546	20.2	19.6	19.4
Mountrail	3,108	3,053	3,022	2,774	2,733	2,740	334	320	282	10.7	10.5	9.3
Pierce	2,458	2,374	2,496	2,292	2,212	2,314	166	162	182	6.8	6.8	7.3
Renville	1,252	1,207	1,238	1,142	1,101	1,142	110	106	96	8.8	8.8	7.8
Ward	24,976	24,748	24,583	22,850	22,572	22,506	2,126	2,176	2,077	8.5	8.8	8.4
REGION 2 TOTAL	39,494	38,804	39,143	35,743	35,056	35,536	3,751	3,748	3,607	9.5	9.7	9.2
Benson	3,092	2,961	3,114	2,778	2,661	2,745	314	300	369	10.2	10.1	11.8
Cavalier	2,438	2,339	2,504	2,224	2,155	2,267	214	184	237	8.8	7.9	9.5
Eddy	1,423	1,376	1,498	1,215	1,165	1,268	208	211	230	14.6	15.3	15.4
Ramsey	6,248	6,161	6,129	5,770	5,654	5,616	478	507	513	7.7	8.2	8.4
Rolette	5,263	5,092	4,991	4,546	4,405	4,186	717	687	805	13.6	13.5	16.1
Towner	1,721	1,619	1,675	1,605	1,508	1,562	116	111	113	6.7	6.9	6.7
REGION 3 TOTAL	20,185	19,548	19,911	18,138	17,548	17,644	2,047	2,000	2,267	10.1	10.2	11.4
Grand Forks	34,775	33,295	33,039	33,287	31,809	31,598	1,488	1,486	1,441	4.3	4.5	4.4
Nelson	1,975	1,926	1,970	1,733	1,706	1,736	242	220	234	12.3	11.4	11.9
Pembina	5,402	5,185	4,960	4,812	4,592	4,504	590	593	456	10.9	11.4	9.2
Walsh	7,495	7,294	7,327	6,988	6,779	6,814	507	515	513	6.8	7.1	7.0
REGION 4 TOTAL	49,647	47,700	47,296	46,820	44,886	44,652	2,827	2,814	2,644	5.7	5.9	5.6
Cass	54,725	54,051	52,218	52,068	51,314	50,008	2,657	2,737	2,210	4.9	5.1	4.2
Ransom	2,567	2,543	2,483	2,453	2,415	2,350	114	128	133	4.4	5.0	5.4
Richland	7,855	7,808	7,988	7,356	7,203	7,504	499	605	484	6.4	7.7	6.1
Sargent	2,355	2,259	2,300	2,196	2,129	2,175	159	130	125	6.8	5.8	5.4
Steele	1,072	1,018	1,094	994	938	1,025	78	80	69	7.3	7.9	6.3
Traill	4,438	4,050	4,187	4,104	3,904	4,026	334	146	161	7.5	3.6	3.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	73,012	71,729	70,270	69,171	67,903	67,088	3,841	3,826	3,182	5.3	5.3	4.5

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	118,779	118,477	116,685	0.3	1.8
Employment	110,252	110,646	108,290	-0.4	1.8
Unemployment	8,527	7,831	8,395	8.9	1.6
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	6.6%	7.2%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	318,990	311,010	313,330	2.6	1.8
Employment	293,830	286,530	290,140	2.5	1.3
Unemployment	25,160	24,480	23,190	2.8	8.5
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.9%	7.4%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	81,960	81,160	78,440	1.0	4.5
Employment	77,300	76,420	74,450	1.2	3.8
Unemployment	4,660	4,740	3,990	-1.7	16.8
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	5.1%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	34,780	33,300	33,040	4.4	5.3
Employment	33,290	31,810	31,600	4.7	5.3
Unemployment	1,490	1,490	1,440	-0-	3.5
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,100	43,450	42,980	1.5	2.6
Employment	40,060	39,410	39,400	1.6	1.7
Unemployment	4,040	4,040	3,580	-0-	12.8
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.3%	8.3%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JANUARY 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	311.0	327.1	2,208.4	384.1
Employment	286.5	308.9	2,038.3	347.6
Unemployment	24.5	18.2	170.1	36.5
Unemployment Rate	7.9	5.6	7.7	9.5

1985
ANNUAL AVERAGES
NORTH DAKOTA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL	251,190
MINING	6,870
Coal	1,370
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	5,120
Other Mining	380
CONSTRUCTION	11,710
Building Construction	3,200
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	3,300
Special Trade Construction	5,210
MANUFACTURING	15,430
Durable Goods	6,360
Stone, Clay, & Glass	790
Primary & Fabricated Metals	660
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,900
Other Durable Goods	1,010
Nondurable Goods	9,070
Food & Kindred Products	4,550
Dairy Products	920
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,610
Bakery Products	440
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,580
Printing & Publishing	2,420
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	16,370
Transportation	7,760
Trucking & Warehousing	4,200
Other Transportation	3,560
Communications	3,450
Public Utilities	5,160

WHOLESALE TRADE	19,870
Durable Goods	9,780
Nondurable Goods	10,090
RETAIL TRADE	47,610
General Merchandise	5,990
Food Stores	6,490
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	6,780
Apparel and Accessory Stores	2,820
Other Retail	25,530
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	12,450
Finance	6,820
Banking	4,330
Other Finance	2,490
Insurance	3,750
Real Estate	1,880
SERVICES	57,820
Lodging	4,320
Nursing and Personal Care	6,230
Hospitals	12,410
Other Medical	6,250
Other Services	28,610
GOVERNMENT	63,060
Federal	9,430
State Government	18,990
Educational Service	12,010
Other State Government	6,980
Local Government	34,640
Educational Service	16,630
Other Local Government	18,010

1985
ANNUAL AVERAGES

LABOR FORCE

	NORTH DAKOTA	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Labor Force	336,000	80,860	34,400	45,070
Employment	316,000	77,470	33,110	41,840
Unemployment	20,000	3,390	1,290	3,230
Unemployment Rate	5.9	4.2	3.7	7.2

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
NORTH DAKOTA MSA'S

	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Nonagricultural			
Wage and Salary Employment	66,400	27,990	35,870
Mining and Construction	3,210	1,430	-0-
Mining	-0-	-0-	210
Construction	-0-	-0-	1,590
Manufacturing	4,780	1,390	1,960
Durable Goods	1,970	-0-	-0-
Nondurable Goods	2,810	-0-	-0-
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	3,960	1,460	2,880
Trade	20,020	8,070	9,610
Wholesale Trade	6,660	1,400	2,410
Retail Trade	13,360	6,670	7,200
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4,240	1,070	1,690
Services	17,130	6,030	9,870
Government	13,060	8,540	8,060
Federal	2,060	-0-	-0-
State & Local	11,000	-0-	-0-

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
NORTH DAKOTA			
Manufacturing	311.12	38.6	8.06
Durable Goods	336.71	39.8	8.46
Nondurable Goods	293.71	37.8	7.77
Food and Kindred Products	316.36	40.3	7.85
Printing and Publishing	269.94	32.8	8.23
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
Manufacturing	316.54	38.0	8.33
Durable Goods	315.59	38.3	8.24
Nondurable Goods	317.52	37.8	8.40

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1985 Annual Averages

		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
				Number	Rate
1.	Divide	1,648	1,587	61	3.7
	McKenzie	3,861	3,683	178	4.6
	Williams	14,373	13,420	953	6.6
	REGION 1 TOTAL	19,882	18,690	1,192	6.0
2.	Bottineau	3,999	3,718	281	7.0
	Burke	1,614	1,510	104	6.4
	McHenry	3,113	2,708	405	13.0
	Mountrail	3,376	3,111	265	7.8
	Pierce	2,731	2,585	146	5.3
	Renville	1,450	1,360	90	6.2
	Ward	25,870	24,104	1,766	6.8
	REGION 2 TOTAL	42,153	39,096	3,057	7.3
3.	Benson	3,401	3,099	302	8.9
	Cavalier	2,906	2,719	187	6.4
	Eddy	1,596	1,443	153	9.6
	Ramsey	6,543	6,149	394	6.0
	Rolette	5,243	4,571	672	12.8
	Towner	1,887	1,807	80	4.2
	REGION 3 TOTAL	21,576	19,788	1,788	8.3
4.	Grand Forks	34,399	33,113	1,286	3.7
	Nelson	2,227	2,069	158	7.1
	Pembina	5,519	5,108	411	7.4
	Walsh	8,159	7,706	453	5.6
	REGION 4 TOTAL	50,304	47,996	2,308	4.6
5.	Cass	54,294	52,316	1,978	3.6
	Ransom	2,796	2,681	115	4.1
	Richland	8,623	8,096	527	6.1
	Sargent	2,669	2,548	121	4.5
	Steele	1,338	1,279	59	4.4
	Traill	4,569	4,365	204	4.5
	REGION 5 TOTAL	74,289	71,285	3,004	4.0

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1985 Annual Averages

		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	
				Number	Rate
6.	Barnes	6,242	5,858	384	6.2
	Dickey	3,479	3,343	136	3.9
	Foster	2,315	2,200	115	5.0
	Griggs	1,620	1,535	85	5.2
	La Moure	2,672	2,544	128	4.8
	Logan	1,576	1,499	77	4.9
	McIntosh	2,403	2,331	72	3.0
	Stutsman	12,706	12,005	701	5.5
	Wells	3,164	2,935	229	7.2
	REGION 6 TOTAL	36,177	34,250	1,927	5.3
7.	Burleigh	31,006	28,870	2,136	6.9
	Emmons	2,467	2,301	166	6.7
	Grant	2,165	2,049	116	5.4
	Kidder	1,690	1,543	147	8.7
	McLean	5,075	4,590	485	9.6
	Mercer	7,192	6,487	705	9.8
	Morton	14,063	12,972	1,091	7.8
	Oliver	1,138	1,039	99	8.7
	Sheridan	1,290	1,226	64	5.0
	Sioux	1,328	1,201	127	9.6
	REGION 7 TOTAL	67,414	62,278	5,136	7.6
8.	Adams	1,848	1,796	52	2.8
	Billings	863	838	25	2.9
	Bowman	2,406	2,295	111	4.6
	Dunn	2,166	1,982	184	8.5
	Golden Valley	1,177	1,106	71	6.0
	Hettinger	2,139	2,039	100	4.7
	Slope	568	526	42	7.4
	Stark	13,042	12,035	1,007	7.7
	REGION 8 TOTAL	24,209	22,617	1,592	6.6
	STATE TOTAL	336,000	316,000	20,000	5.9

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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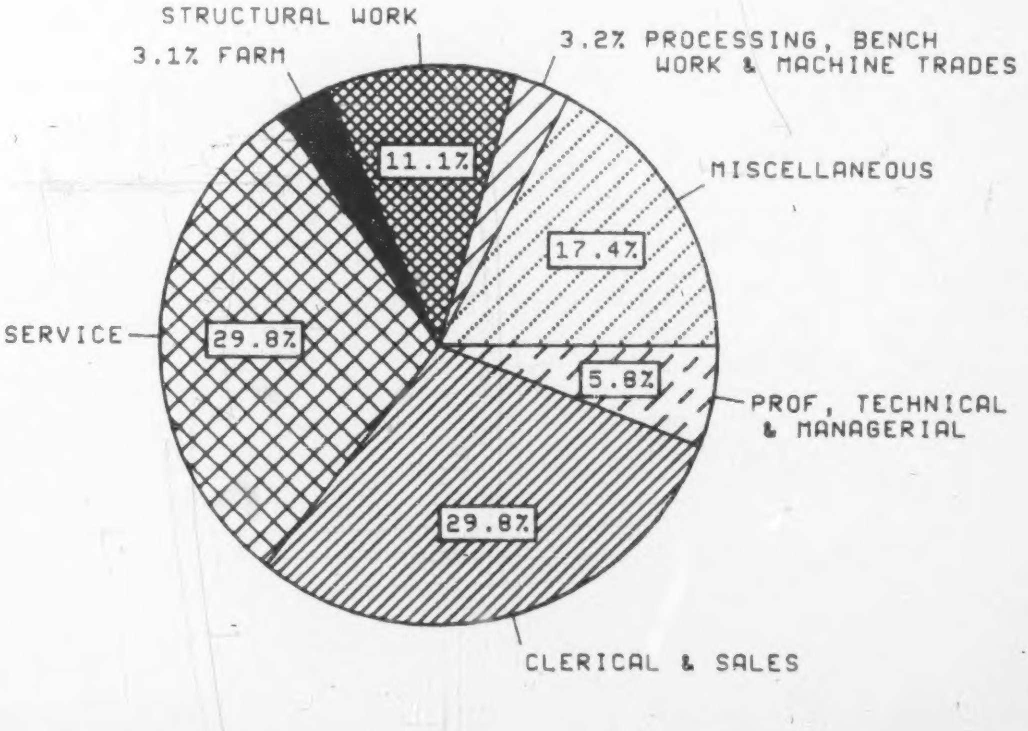

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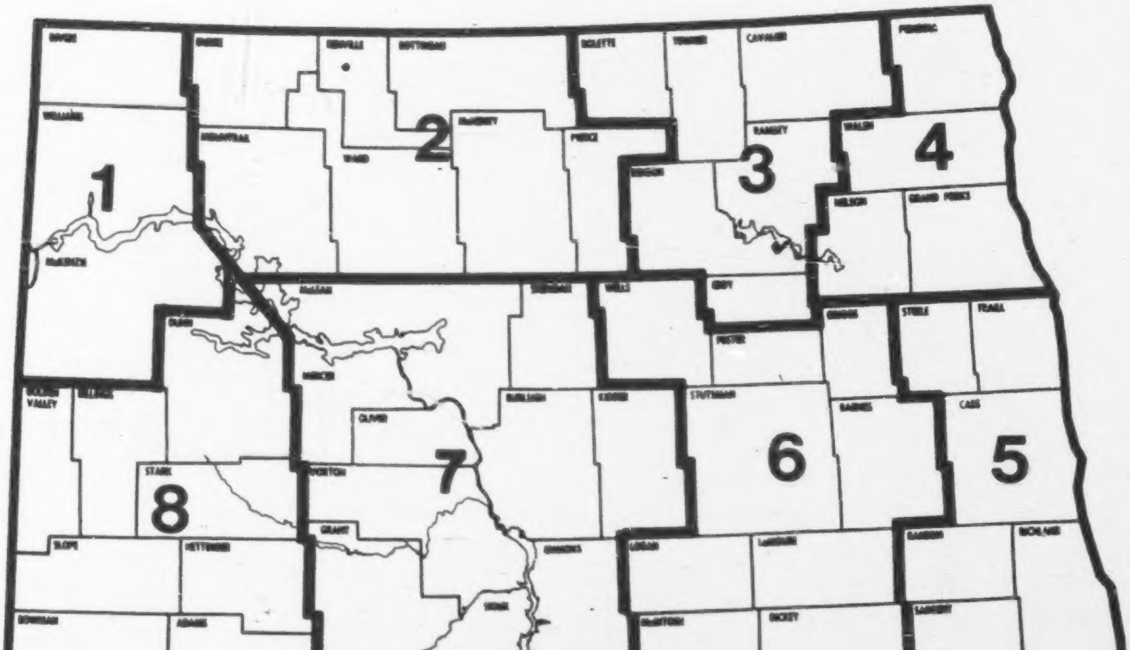

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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FINDING THAT SUMMER JOB

School's out for the year. Now what do you do for the summer? This question is being asked by thousands of students as classes and most school-related activities end. For many of the younger students, it will be a time for fun and enjoying the carefree days of summer. But sooner or later the time comes when the young person is going out to "find a summer job."

This year, there are two programs in which Job Service North Dakota is involved which are designed to assist young people find summer jobs. The first is conducted in cooperation with the Greater North Dakota Association, Northwestern Bell, and the Governor's Employment and Training Forum. The program encourages businesses in the state to hire summer help. Volunteers are currently contacting employers by phone and in person to solicit job openings.

The second program is funded under the Job Training Partnership Act and is for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 through 21. Approximately 1,500 young people will be placed in jobs under the program this summer. Last year 1,696 youth were placed in jobs under the JTPA program.

Even though there are programs in place to help youth find work, the more individuals do to help themselves, the better the chances will be of finding work. The person should determine the type of work they are capable of doing, what they are interested in, and where they would likely be able to find this type of work. We surveyed our Job Service offices throughout the state to gather data at the local level. Based on the responses, the opportunities for summer employment are slightly less this year compared to last year. It is noted, however, that of the 11 offices that expect the number of jobs to be down, 9 expected there would be "slightly fewer" jobs and only 2 expect job opportunities to be "substantially fewer." The poor economic conditions in both the farm and energy sectors is one reason the number of jobs expected this year are less than in 1985. In addition, with higher unemployment levels, more adults are competing for jobs which are typically held by young people.

Responses from the local offices indicate the usual entry level jobs are anticipated. They include openings as waiters, waitresses, cooks, maids, sales clerks, janitors, groundskeepers, and lawn mowing and babysitting in private households. Other possibilities include work as cashiers, nurse aides, and jobs in recreation-related businesses.

Most of these openings will occur in restaurants (including drive-ins) and in hotels, motels, and retail stores. Hospitals and nursing homes are also good possibilities.

If you know of students or young adults seeking work, encourage them to continue their efforts since persistence usually pays off. If you could use help in your home or business - hire a youth - you'll both benefit.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
TOTAL	244,300	243,450	245,130	0.3	-0.3
MINING	5,530	5,750	6,650	-3.8	-16.8
Coal	1,240	1,240	1,380	0.0	-10.1
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	4,080	4,310	5,070	-5.3	-19.5
Other Mining	210	200	200	5.0	5.0
CONSTRUCTION	7,570	7,420	8,660	2.0	-12.6
Building Construction	2,310	2,340	2,410	-1.3	-4.1
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,310	1,190	1,850	10.1	-29.2
Special Trade Construction	3,950	3,890	4,400	1.5	-10.2
MANUFACTURING	15,160	15,100	14,770	0.4	2.6
Durable Goods	5,900	5,780	6,120	2.1	-3.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass	470	500	450	-6.0	4.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	610	600	650	1.7	-6.2
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,730	3,590	4,040	3.9	-7.7
Other Durable Goods	1,090	1,090	980	0.0	11.2
Nondurable Goods	9,260	9,320	8,650	-0.6	7.1
Food & Kindred Products	4,740	4,820	4,180	-1.7	13.4
Dairy Products	850	860	890	-1.2	-4.5
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,870	1,880	1,340	-0.5	39.6
Bakery Products	450	450	430	0.0	4.7
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,570	1,630	1,520	-3.7	3.3
Printing & Publishing	2,430	2,440	2,410	-0.4	0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	2,090	2,060	2,060	1.5	1.5
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,530	15,670	16,110	-0.9	-3.6
Transportation	7,250	7,390	7,540	-1.9	-3.8
Trucking & Warehousing	3,850	3,960	3,970	-2.8	-3.0
Other Transportation	3,400	3,430	3,570	-0.9	-4.8
Communications	3,380	3,360	3,400	0.6	-0.6
Public Utilities	4,900	4,920	5,170	-0.4	-5.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,040	18,940	19,700	0.5	-3.4
Durable Goods	9,310	9,270	9,750	0.4	-4.5
Nondurable Goods	9,730	9,670	9,950	0.6	-2.2
RETAIL TRADE	46,510	46,050	46,150	1.0	0.8
General Merchandise	5,760	5,840	5,720	-1.4	0.7
Food Stores	6,460	6,440	6,250	0.3	3.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,700	6,660	6,770	0.6	-1.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,730	2,750	2,720	-0.7	0.4
Other Retail	24,860	24,360	24,690	2.1	0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,380	12,330	12,330	0.4	0.4
Finance	6,830	6,810	6,780	0.3	0.7
Banking	4,300	4,290	4,300	0.2	0.0
Other Finance	2,530	2,520	2,480	0.4	2.0
Insurance	3,750	3,750	3,750	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	1,800	1,770	1,800	1.7	0.0
SERVICES	58,150	57,840	56,910	0.5	2.2
Lodging	4,170	4,190	4,190	-0.5	-0.5
Nursing & Personal Care	6,240	6,190	6,170	0.8	1.1
Hospitals	12,310	12,270	12,400	0.3	-0.7
Other Medical	6,390	6,360	6,150	0.5	3.9
Other Services	29,040	28,830	28,000	0.7	3.7
GOVERNMENT	64,430	64,350	63,850	0.1	0.9
Federal	9,490	9,520	9,140	-0.3	3.8
State Government	19,720	19,600	19,700	0.6	0.1
Educational Services	13,020	12,960	12,880	0.5	1.1
Other State Government	6,700	6,640	6,820	0.9	-1.8
Local Government	35,220	35,230	35,010	0.0	0.6
Educational Services	18,080	18,070	17,860	0.1	1.2
Other Local Government	17,140	17,160	17,150	-0.1	-0.1

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,340	66,740	65,010	-0.6	2.0
Mining & Construction	2,320	2,260	2,380	2.7	-2.5
Manufacturing	4,610	4,660	4,730	-1.1	-2.5
Durable Goods	1,860	1,830	1,980	1.6	-6.1
Nondurable Goods	2,750	2,830	2,750	-2.8	0.0
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,830	3,950	3,830	-3.0	0.0
Trade	19,950	19,880	19,320	0.4	3.3
Wholesale Trade	6,600	6,560	6,540	0.6	0.9
Retail Trade	13,350	13,320	12,780	0.2	4.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,310	4,290	4,190	0.5	2.9
Services	17,750	17,720	16,920	0.2	4.9
Government	13,570	13,980	13,640	-2.9	-0.5
Federal	2,120	2,120	2,020	0.0	5.0
State & Local	11,450	11,860	11,620	-3.5	-1.5
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,490	28,280	27,550	0.7	3.4
Mining & Construction	1,180	1,160	920	1.7	28.3
Manufacturing	1,590	1,590	1,310	0.0	21.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,440	0.0	-2.8
Trade	7,890	7,900	7,930	-0.1	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	1,350	1,360	1,380	-0.7	-2.2
Retail Trade	6,540	6,540	6,550	0.0	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,050	1,050	1,050	0.0	0.0
Services	6,130	6,100	5,910	0.5	3.7
Government	9,250	9,080	8,990	1.9	2.9
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,110	34,990	35,050	0.3	0.2
Mining	180	190	200	-5.3	-10.0
Construction	1,070	1,060	1,190	0.9	-10.1
Manufacturing	1,840	1,880	1,850	-2.1	-0.5
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,680	2,710	2,830	-1.1	-5.3
Trade	9,460	9,330	9,250	1.4	2.3
Wholesale	2,320	2,300	2,430	0.9	-4.5
Retail	7,140	7,030	6,820	1.6	4.7
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,700	1,670	0.0	1.8
Services	10,090	10,060	9,850	0.3	2.4
Government	8,090	8,060	8,210	0.4	-1.5

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Mar. 1986	Previous Month Feb. 1986	One Year Ago Mar. 1985	Percent Change From Feb. 1986	Percent Change From Mar. 1985
All Items	322.2	326.0	327.5	318.8	-0.5	2.3
Food & Beverage	302.0	307.8	307.7	301.6	0.0	2.1
Housing	349.9	357.0	356.5	344.7	0.1	3.6
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	206.3	204.1	205.3	1.1	0.5
Transportation	319.9	309.6	319.2	316.7	-3.0	-2.2
Medical Care	403.1	425.8	422.3	396.5	0.8	7.4
Entertainment	265.0	271.9	272.0	262.2	0.0	3.7

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Mar. 1986	Previous Month Feb. 1986	One Year Ago Mar. 1985	Percent Change From Feb. 1986	Percent Change From Mar. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	300.3	304.7	308.7	-1.4	-2.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	247.0	247.9	255.0	-0.4	-3.1
Industrial Commodities	323.9	314.0	319.4	322.6	-1.7	-2.7

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	394.23	389.14	381.78	40.6	40.2	40.4	9.71	9.68	9.45
Durable Goods	426.42	421.48	412.41	41.4	41.0	41.2	10.30	10.28	10.01
Nondurable Goods	351.74	345.74	338.37	39.7	39.2	39.3	8.86	8.82	8.61
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	308.66	307.75	304.44	38.2	37.9	37.4	8.08	8.12	8.14
Durable Goods	331.50	335.62	340.29	39.0	39.3	39.8	8.50	8.54	8.55
Nondurable Goods	295.97	291.98	279.96	37.8	37.1	35.8	7.83	7.87	7.82
Food & Kindred	310.03	301.34	289.98	38.9	38.0	35.8	7.97	7.93	8.10
Printing & Publishing	275.89	271.64	262.91	33.2	32.3	32.7	8.31	8.41	8.04
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	318.90	320.12	305.04	38.1	38.2	37.2	8.37	8.38	8.20
Durable Goods	308.01	322.92	305.98	37.7	39.0	38.2	8.17	8.28	8.01
Nondurable Goods	326.40	319.03	304.88	38.4	37.8	36.6	8.50	8.44	8.33

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Divide	1,519	1,343	1,500	1,411	1,260	1,436	108	83	64	7.1	6.2	4.3
McKenzie	3,745	3,463	3,759	3,412	3,184	3,529	333	279	230	8.9	8.1	6.1
Williams	13,910	13,286	13,960	12,188	11,921	12,926	1,722	1,365	1,034	12.4	10.3	7.4
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,174	18,092	19,219	17,011	16,365	17,891	2,163	1,727	1,328	11.3	9.5	6.9
Bottineau	3,775	3,451	3,820	3,402	3,131	3,462	373	320	358	9.9	9.3	9.4
Burke	1,551	1,446	1,527	1,382	1,320	1,394	169	126	133	10.9	8.7	8.7
McHenry	3,177	2,824	3,127	2,512	2,255	2,503	665	569	624	20.9	20.1	20.0
Mountrail	3,401	3,117	3,283	3,013	2,782	2,943	388	335	340	11.4	10.7	10.4
Pierce	2,698	2,463	2,681	2,489	2,297	2,486	209	166	195	7.7	6.7	7.3
Renville	1,394	1,254	1,324	1,242	1,144	1,233	152	110	91	10.9	8.8	6.9
Ward	25,661	25,016	25,083	23,472	22,880	22,933	2,189	2,136	2,150	8.5	8.5	8.6
REGION 2 TOTAL	41,657	39,571	40,845	37,512	35,809	36,954	4,145	3,762	3,891	10.0	9.5	9.5
Benson	3,290	3,103	3,319	2,980	2,788	2,914	310	315	405	9.4	10.2	12.2
Cavalier	2,644	2,449	2,752	2,429	2,234	2,443	215	215	309	8.1	8.8	11.2
Eddy	1,561	1,428	1,594	1,311	1,220	1,345	250	208	249	16.0	14.6	15.6
Ramsey	6,505	6,258	6,337	6,019	5,777	5,811	486	481	526	7.5	7.7	8.3
Rolette	5,473	5,270	5,128	4,727	4,552	4,319	746	718	809	13.6	13.6	15.8
Towner	1,890	1,723	1,809	1,762	1,607	1,700	128	116	109	6.8	6.7	6.0
REGION 3 TOTAL	21,363	20,231	20,939	19,228	18,178	18,532	2,135	2,053	2,407	10.0	10.1	11.5
Grand Forks	35,716	34,767	33,981	34,007	33,280	32,061	1,709	1,487	1,920	4.8	4.3	5.7
Nelson	2,186	1,979	2,152	1,919	1,736	1,903	267	243	249	12.2	12.3	11.6
Pembina	5,658	5,413	5,157	4,970	4,821	4,622	688	592	535	12.2	10.9	10.4
Walsh	8,052	7,511	7,712	7,448	7,000	7,202	604	511	510	7.5	6.8	6.6
REGION 4 TOTAL	51,612	49,670	49,002	48,344	46,837	45,788	3,268	2,833	3,214	6.3	5.7	6.6
Cass	55,307	54,830	52,666	52,693	52,170	50,376	2,614	2,660	2,290	4.7	4.9	4.3
Ransom	2,713	2,570	2,650	2,603	2,456	2,472	110	114	178	4.1	4.4	6.7
Richland	8,174	7,866	8,358	7,637	7,367	7,716	537	499	642	6.6	6.3	7.7
Sargent	2,550	2,360	2,499	2,383	2,201	2,333	167	159	166	6.5	6.7	6.6
Steele	1,225	1,077	1,230	1,117	995	1,136	108	82	94	8.8	7.6	7.6
Traill	4,449	4,450	4,270	4,124	4,115	4,004	325	335	266	7.3	7.5	6.2
REGION 5 TOTAL	74,418	73,153	71,673	70,557	69,304	68,037	3,861	3,849	3,636	5.2	5.3	5.1

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Barnes	6,224	5,750	6,192	5,745	5,255	5,606	479	495	586	7.7	8.6	9.5
Dickey	3,324	3,018	3,245	3,139	2,862	3,082	185	156	163	5.6	5.2	5.0
Foster	2,238	2,066	2,230	2,052	1,896	2,071	186	170	159	8.3	8.2	7.1
Griggs	1,565	1,409	1,548	1,442	1,295	1,425	123	114	123	7.9	8.1	7.9
La Moure	2,473	2,245	2,557	2,303	2,088	2,336	170	157	221	6.9	7.0	8.6
Logan	1,542	1,367	1,511	1,418	1,262	1,386	124	105	125	8.0	7.7	8.3
McIntosh	2,314	2,107	2,250	2,203	2,019	2,172	111	88	78	4.8	4.2	3.5
Stutsman	12,756	12,196	12,403	11,823	11,251	11,433	933	945	970	7.3	7.7	7.8
Wells	2,992	2,756	3,030	2,679	2,474	2,688	313	282	342	10.5	10.2	11.3
REGION 6 TOTAL	35,428	32,914	34,966	32,804	30,402	32,199	2,624	2,512	2,767	7.4	7.6	7.9
Burleigh	31,226	30,355	30,364	28,541	27,665	27,858	2,685	2,690	2,506	8.6	8.9	8.3
Emmons	2,337	2,104	2,289	2,126	1,906	2,061	211	198	228	9.0	9.4	10.0
Grant	2,027	1,789	1,985	1,867	1,640	1,843	160	149	142	7.9	8.3	7.2
Kidder	1,702	1,496	1,695	1,469	1,287	1,436	233	209	259	13.7	14.0	15.3
McLean	4,864	4,616	4,925	4,236	4,011	4,293	628	605	632	12.9	13.1	12.8
Mercer	6,480	6,449	7,354	5,656	5,618	6,541	824	831	813	12.7	12.9	11.1
Morton	14,139	13,797	13,861	12,824	12,431	12,517	1,315	1,366	1,344	9.3	9.9	9.7
Oliver	1,236	1,125	1,043	1,121	1,019	936	115	106	107	9.3	9.4	10.3
Sheridan	1,254	1,081	1,168	1,143	974	1,082	111	107	86	8.9	9.9	7.4
Sioux	1,310	1,229	1,317	1,218	1,144	1,213	92	85	104	7.0	6.9	7.9
REGION 7 TOTAL	66,575	64,041	66,001	60,201	57,695	59,780	6,374	6,346	6,221	9.6	9.9	9.4
Adams	1,789	1,662	1,758	1,713	1,594	1,698	76	68	60	4.2	4.1	3.4
Billings	693	706	653	656	674	622	37	32	31	5.3	4.5	4.7
Bowman	2,260	2,078	2,265	2,101	1,917	2,128	159	161	137	7.0	7.7	6.0
Dunn	2,047	1,803	2,030	1,795	1,599	1,774	252	204	256	12.3	11.3	12.6
Golden Valley	1,111	1,029	1,056	1,001	936	994	110	93	62	9.9	9.0	5.9
Hettinger	2,052	1,845	2,003	1,879	1,686	1,854	173	159	149	8.4	8.6	7.4
Slope	524	438	512	436	371	462	88	67	50	16.8	15.3	9.8
Stark	12,794	12,318	12,615	11,315	10,949	11,462	1,479	1,369	1,153	11.6	11.1	9.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	23,270	21,879	22,892	20,896	19,726	20,994	2,374	2,153	1,898	10.2	9.8	8.3
STATE TOTAL	333,497	319,551	325,537	306,553	294,316	300,175	26,944	25,235	25,362	8.1	7.9	7.8

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Mar. 1986	Previous Month Feb. 1986	One Year Ago Mar. 1985	Percent Change From	
				Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	118,900	118,779	117,036	0.1	1.6
Employment	110,481	110,252	108,652	0.2	1.7
Unemployment	8,419	8,527	8,384	-1.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.2%	7.2%	-0-	-0-
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	333,490	319,560	325,540	4.4	2.4
Employment	306,550	294,320	300,180	4.2	2.1
Unemployment	26,940	25,240	25,360	6.7	6.2
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	7.9%	7.8%	-0-	-0-
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	82,590	82,080	78,900	0.6	4.7
Employment	78,070	77,420	74,830	0.8	4.3
Unemployment	4,520	4,660	4,070	-3.0	11.1
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.7%	5.2%	-0-	-0-
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,720	34,770	33,980	2.7	5.1
Employment	34,010	33,280	32,060	2.2	6.1
Unemployment	1,710	1,490	1,920	14.8	-10.9
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.3%	5.7%	-0-	-0-
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,370	44,160	44,230	2.7	2.6
Employment	41,370	40,100	40,380	3.2	2.5
Unemployment	4,000	4,060	3,850	-1.5	3.9
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.2%	8.7%	-0-	-0-

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rate based on unrounded data.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
FEBRUARY 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	319.5	331.0	2,224.6	389.3
Employment	294.3	312.9	2,056.5	352.4
Unemployment	25.2	18.1	168.1	36.9
Unemployment Rate	7.9	5.5	7.6	9.5

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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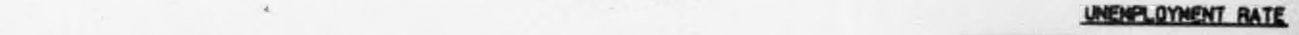
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10.2% to 17.1%
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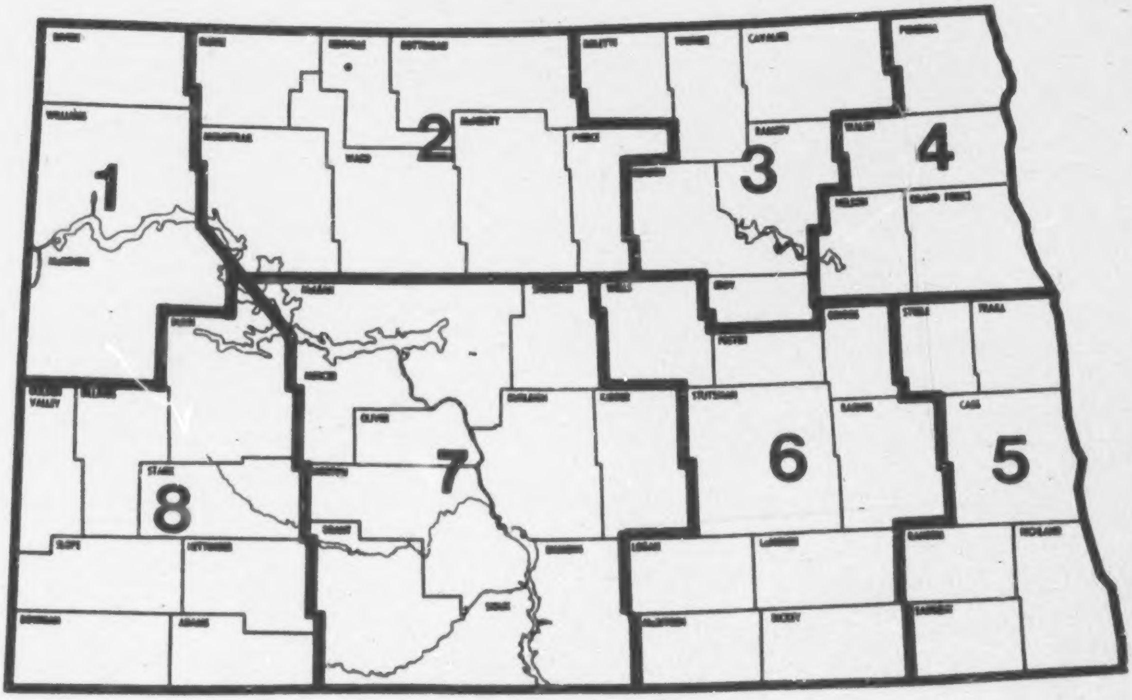

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Labor force, employment, and hours and earnings estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

WILLISTON OCCUPATIONAL WAGES COMPARED: 1984-1986

In light of the recent downturn in the oil industry in the Williston Basin, we felt that a comparison of our recent wage and benefit survey in Williston, with the one conducted in 1984, would be appropriate.

On April 27, 1984, approximately 300 Williston employers were mailed survey forms. Completed surveys were received from 163. Of the 165 occupations included in the survey, 89 had sufficient responses for publication. On March 17, the 1986 survey forms were mailed to 292 employers, of which 227 were completed and returned. Approximately 172 occupations were included in the survey, with 100 having sufficient responses for publication. Between the two surveys, 73 occupations were directly comparable. Of these, 27 (37.0%) had hourly wages that decreased, while 45 (61.6%) had wage increases. One occupation remained the same.

In order to simplify comparisons, only average wages were used. Also, the number of occupations analyzed was reduced to the 20 largest in 1984. Based on the chart that follows, note that 7 occupations had wage decreases, while 13 had increases. The average decrease was 62 cents an hour (8.8%), and the average increase was 76 cents an hour (10.8%). Only 3 of the 20 occupations were considered "Professional, Technical, and Managerial." Of these, 2 had wage increases and 1 a decrease. Of the 17 nonprofessional occupations, 6 had wage decreases while 11 had increases.

A generalization interpreted from the chart is that wages have increased in the clerical and operative occupations and decreased in the sales and services occupations.

A number of factors can be brought out explaining why some of the wages have changed as they have, but no proof exists that any one is the most important.

The decline of the oil industry has caused an outmigration which has caused many higher paid persons to leave the Williston area. With less competition from the relatively high-paying oil industry, many firms have access to a cheaper supply of labor. The loss of oil field jobs, usually held by men, has caused many females to seek lower paying jobs in the sales and services sector in order to increase family income.

With the decrease in employment, many businesses reduce their lowest skilled jobs first, or use the principle "last hired, first laid off."

Sampling error is also a factor. In 1984, about 480 firms with employment of 9,000 were available to sample, while in 1986 only 430 firms with 8,500 employees were available. Because the universe is small and different firms could have been chosen, results can vary. An example of this is that 14 occupations available for publications in 1984 did not have enough responses for publication in 1986.

The data used in this article was obtained from surveys conducted in 1984 and 1986. The complete results are available in the publications, Williston Wage and Benefit Survey, 1984 and Williston Wage and Benefit Survey, 1986. Copies of these publications, or similar publications for other North Dakota cities, can be obtained by contacting the Williston Job Service office (701-572-7771) or by writing or calling the following:

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1-800-732-9787 (toll-free in North Dakota)

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE SUMMARY

	Occupation		Average Wage 1984	Average Wage 1986	% of Decrease or Increase
1.	Department Manager	P	$ 9.53	$11.94	+25.3
2.	Clerk, General Office		5.84	6.90	+18.2
3.	Diesel Mechanic		9.16	10.60	+15.7
4.	Student, Indoor		3.43	3.92	+14.3
5.	Bookkeeper		5.98	6.75	+12.9
6.	Clerk, General		5.15	5.67	+10.1
7.	Secretary		6.10	6.52	+ 6.9
8.	Teller		5.14	5.49	+ 6.8
9.	Shipping and Receiving Clerk		9.71	10.36	+ 6.7
10.	Heavy Equipment Operator		7.63	8.14	+ 6.7
11.	Licensed Practical Nurse	P	7.99	8.48	+ 6.1
12.	Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver		7.76	8.16	+ 5.2
13.	Light Equipment Operator		7.84	8.24	+ 5.1
14.	Waiter/Waitress, Dining Room		3.58	3.49	- 2.5
15.	Sales Representative		9.98	9.59	- 3.9
16.	Sales Clerk		5.02	4.73	- 5.8
17.	Swamper (Truck Driver Helper)		7.34	6.89	- 6.1
18.	Cleaner, Housekeeping		5.55	5.13	- 7.6
19.	Registered Nurse	P	10.67	9.53	-10.7
20.	Salesperson		8.17	6.56	-19.7

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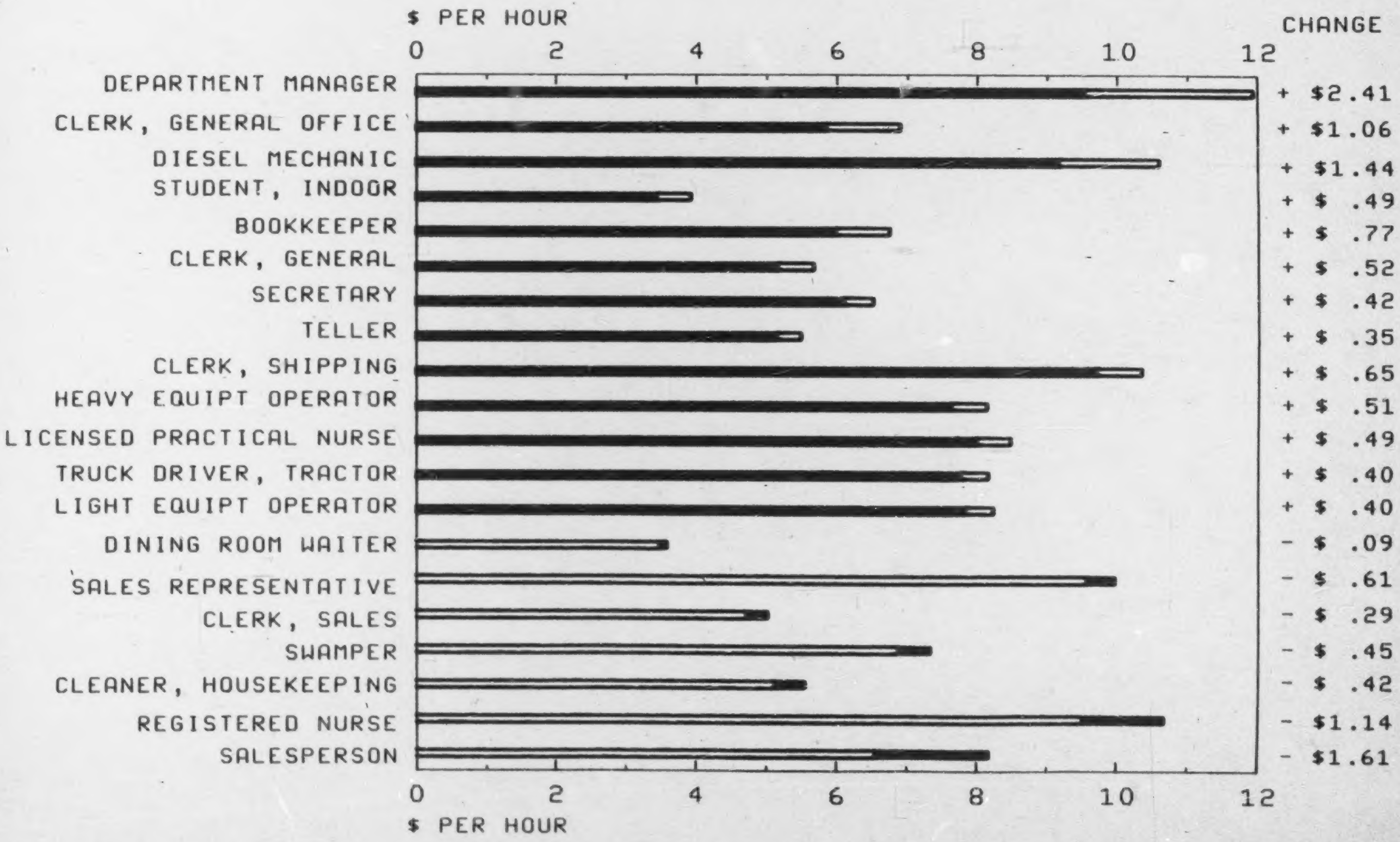
CHANGE IN AVERAGE WAGES FROM 1984 TO 1986 OF SELECTED OCCUPATIONS - WILLISTON



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
TOTAL	247,450	244,710	249,170	1.1	-0.7
MINING	4,900	5,120	6,590	-4.3	-25.6
Coal	1,230	1,230	1,390	0.0	-11.5
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	3,360	3,680	4,900	-8.7	-31.4
Other Mining	310	210	300	47.6	3.3
CONSTRUCTION	8,710	7,700	9,880	13.1	-11.8
Building Construction	2,440	2,290	2,650	6.6	-7.9
Street, Highway & Heavy	2,160	1,540	2,490	40.3	-13.3
Special Trade Construction	4,110	3,870	4,740	6.2	-13.3
MANUFACTURING	15,180	15,090	15,010	0.6	1.1
Durable Goods	6,210	5,980	6,290	3.8	-1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass	660	450	630	46.7	4.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	620	590	650	5.1	-4.6
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,790	3,840	4,030	-1.3	-6.0
Other Durable Goods	1,140	1,100	980	3.6	16.3
Nondurable Goods	8,970	9,110	8,720	-1.5	2.9
Food & Kindred Products	4,400	4,570	4,250	-3.7	3.5
Dairy Products	860	870	900	-1.1	-4.4
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,540	1,680	1,400	-8.3	10.0
Bakery Products	400	400	440	0.0	-9.1
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,600	1,620	1,510	-1.2	6.0
Printing & Publishing	2,430	2,420	2,390	0.4	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,140	2,120	2,080	0.9	2.9
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,620	15,570	16,310	0.3	-4.2
Transportation	7,480	7,350	7,740	1.8	-3.4
Trucking & Warehousing	4,040	3,950	4,070	2.3	-0.7
Other Transportation	3,440	3,400	3,670	1.2	-6.3
Communications	3,300	3,320	3,400	-0.6	-2.9
Public Utilities	4,840	4,900	5,170	-1.2	-6.4

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,520	19,160	20,100	1.9	-2.9
Durable Goods	9,370	9,300	9,860	0.8	-5.0
Nondurable Goods	10,150	9,860	10,240	2.9	-0.9
RETAIL TRADE	47,410	46,560	47,170	1.8	0.5
General Merchandise	5,820	5,790	5,720	0.5	1.7
Food Stores	6,550	6,560	6,340	-0.2	3.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,790	6,700	6,810	1.3	-0.3
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,760	2,740	2,780	0.7	-0.7
Other Retail	25,490	24,770	25,520	2.9	-0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,490	12,380	12,400	0.9	0.7
Finance	6,860	6,830	6,790	0.4	1.0
Banking	4,270	4,300	4,310	-0.7	-0.9
Other Finance	2,590	2,530	2,480	2.4	4.4
Insurance	3,770	3,750	3,750	0.5	0.5
Real Estate	1,860	1,800	1,860	3.3	0.0
SERVICES	59,150	58,550	57,710	1.0	2.5
Lodging	4,190	4,170	4,210	0.5	-0.5
Nursing & Personal Care	6,260	6,240	6,180	0.3	1.3
Hospitals	12,340	12,310	12,480	0.2	-1.1
Other Medical	6,510	6,490	6,190	0.3	5.2
Other Services	29,850	29,340	28,650	1.7	4.2
GOVERNMENT	64,470	64,580	64,000	-0.2	0.7
Federal	9,440	9,440	9,320	0.0	1.3
State Government	19,540	19,720	19,540	-0.9	0.0
Educational Services	12,720	13,020	12,600	-2.3	1.0
Other State Government	6,820	6,700	6,940	1.8	-1.7
Local Government	35,490	35,420	35,140	0.2	1.0
Educational Services	18,220	18,280	17,780	-0.3	2.5
Other Local Government	17,270	17,140	17,360	0.8	-0.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	67,220	66,290	66,090	1.4	1.7
Mining & Construction	2,440	2,320	2,630	5.2	-7.2
Manufacturing	4,700	4,570	4,640	2.8	1.3
Durable Goods	1,930	1,870	2,050	3.2	-5.9
Nondurable Goods	2,770	2,700	2,590	2.6	6.9
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,800	3,780	3,870	0.5	-1.8
Trade	20,390	19,940	19,800	2.3	3.0
Wholesale Trade	6,740	6,590	6,680	2.3	0.9
Retail Trade	13,650	13,350	13,120	2.2	4.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,360	4,340	4,220	0.5	3.3
Services	18,060	17,750	17,260	1.7	4.6
Government	13,470	13,590	13,670	-0.9	-1.5
Federal	2,130	2,120	2,060	0.5	3.4
State & Local	11,340	11,470	11,610	-1.1	-2.3
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,670	28,450	27,930	0.8	2.6
Mining & Construction	1,300	1,180	1,050	10.2	23.8
Manufacturing	1,620	1,590	1,380	1.9	17.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,410	1,400	1,470	0.7	-4.1
Trade	7,970	7,860	8,060	1.4	-1.1
Wholesale Trade	1,360	1,350	1,380	0.7	-1.4
Retail Trade	6,610	6,510	6,680	1.5	-1.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,070	1,050	1,070	1.9	0.0
Services	6,220	6,120	6,080	1.6	2.3
Government	9,080	9,250	8,820	-1.8	2.9
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,640	35,120	35,820	1.5	-0.5
Mining	190	180	200	5.6	-5.0
Construction	1,270	1,070	1,480	18.7	-14.2
Manufacturing	1,880	1,840	1,940	2.2	-3.1
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,690	2,670	2,900	0.7	-7.2
Trade	9,580	9,450	9,360	1.4	2.4
Wholesale	2,350	2,320	2,450	1.3	-4.1
Retail	7,230	7,130	6,910	1.4	4.6
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,700	1,700	1,680	0.0	1.2
Services	10,200	10,120	9,970	0.8	2.3
Government	8,130	8,090	8,290	0.5	-1.9

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Apr. 1986	Previous Month Mar. 1986	One Year Ago Apr. 1985	Percent Change From Mar. 1986	Percent Change From Apr. 1985
All Items	322.2	325.3	326.0	320.1	-0.2	1.6
Food & Beverage	302.0	308.5	307.8	301.6	0.2	2.3
Housing	349.9	358.0	357.0	345.9	0.3	3.5
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	207.3	206.3	205.9	0.5	0.7
Transportation	319.9	303.3	309.6	320.0	-2.0	-5.2
Medical Care	403.1	428.0	425.8	398.0	0.5	7.5
Entertainment	265.0	272.3	271.9	263.3	0.1	3.4

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month Apr. 1986	Previous Month Mar. 1986	One Year Ago Apr. 1985	Percent Change From Mar. 1986	Percent Change From Apr. 1985
All Commodities	308.8	297.9	300.3	309.3	-0.8	-3.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	246.1	247.0	253.1	-0.4	-2.8
Industrial Commodities	323.9	311.3	314.0	323.8	-0.9	-3.9

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	392.85	394.79	380.15	40.5	40.7	40.1	9.70	9.70	9.48
Durable Goods	423.54	426.01	410.23	41.2	41.4	40.9	10.28	10.29	10.03
Nondurable Goods	349.97	351.35	337.26	39.5	39.7	38.9	8.86	8.85	8.67
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	300.94	303.43	311.98	36.7	37.6	38.9	8.20	8.07	8.02
Durable Goods	329.87	328.32	342.23	38.9	38.9	40.5	8.48	8.44	8.45
Nondurable Goods	280.90	287.78	289.91	35.2	36.8	37.7	7.98	7.82	7.69
Food & Kindred	285.60	298.45	306.50	35.0	37.4	39.6	8.16	7.98	7.74
Printing & Publishing	262.28	273.73	258.24	31.6	32.9	32.0	8.30	8.32	8.07
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	302.48	310.79	306.82	36.4	37.4	37.1	8.31	8.31	8.27
Durable Goods	310.42	308.83	308.83	37.4	37.8	38.7	8.30	8.17	7.98
Nondurable Goods	297.50	312.48	305.15	35.8	37.2	35.9	8.31	8.40	8.50

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
County	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Divide	1,621	1,520	1,629	1,521	1,412	1,550	100	108	79	6.2	7.1	4.8
McKenzie	3,856	3,751	3,819	3,505	3,418	3,619	351	333	200	9.1	8.9	5.2
Williams	14,260	13,939	14,115	12,383	12,215	13,127	1,877	1,724	988	13.2	12.4	7.0
REGION 1 TOTAL	19,737	19,210	19,563	17,409	17,045	18,296	2,328	2,165	1,267	11.8	11.3	6.5
Bottineau	3,895	3,782	3,946	3,538	3,409	3,596	357	373	350	9.2	9.9	8.9
Burke	1,607	1,552	1,609	1,453	1,384	1,466	154	168	143	9.6	10.8	8.9
McHenry	3,294	3,182	3,230	2,730	2,516	2,715	564	666	515	17.1	20.9	15.9
Mountrail	3,624	3,405	3,436	3,222	3,016	3,146	402	389	290	11.1	11.4	8.4
Pierce	2,753	2,700	2,753	2,565	2,491	2,559	188	209	194	6.8	7.7	7.0
Renville	1,493	1,397	1,439	1,344	1,245	1,332	149	152	107	10.0	10.9	7.4
Ward	26,164	25,705	25,711	24,137	23,512	23,634	2,027	2,193	2,077	7.7	8.5	8.1
REGION 2 TOTAL	42,830	41,723	42,124	38,989	37,573	38,448	3,841	4,150	3,676	9.0	9.9	8.7
Benson	3,424	3,295	3,464	3,148	2,984	3,079	276	311	385	8.1	9.4	11.1
Cavalier	2,873	2,649	2,932	2,648	2,433	2,657	225	216	275	7.8	8.2	9.4
Eddy	1,611	1,563	1,677	1,418	1,313	1,454	193	250	223	12.0	16.0	13.3
Ramsey	6,711	6,517	6,599	6,323	6,030	6,117	388	487	482	5.8	7.5	7.3
Rolette	5,594	5,482	5,169	4,828	4,736	4,427	766	746	742	13.7	13.6	14.4
Towner	1,966	1,896	1,866	1,848	1,767	1,783	118	129	83	6.0	6.8	4.4
REGION 3 TOTAL	22,179	21,402	21,707	20,213	19,263	19,517	1,966	2,139	2,190	8.9	10.0	10.1
Grand Forks	36,144	35,687	34,272	34,590	33,976	32,741	1,554	1,711	1,531	4.3	4.8	4.5
Nelson	2,229	2,188	2,242	2,053	1,922	2,034	176	266	208	7.9	12.2	9.3
Pembina	5,912	5,667	5,430	5,314	4,979	4,945	598	688	485	10.1	12.1	8.9
Walsh	8,311	8,064	8,059	7,813	7,461	7,557	498	603	502	6.0	7.5	6.2
REGION 4 TOTAL	52,596	51,606	50,003	49,770	48,338	47,277	2,826	3,268	2,726	5.4	6.3	5.5
Cass	56,561	55,295	53,942	54,052	52,681	51,708	2,509	2,614	2,234	4.4	4.7	4.1
Ransom	2,892	2,716	2,756	2,745	2,606	2,609	147	110	147	5.1	4.1	5.3
Richland	8,476	8,188	8,580	7,943	7,651	8,020	533	537	560	6.3	6.6	6.5
Sargent	2,674	2,554	2,609	2,512	2,387	2,461	162	167	148	6.1	6.5	5.7
Steele	1,320	1,227	1,323	1,232	1,119	1,247	88	108	76	6.7	8.8	5.7
Traill	4,657	4,454	4,505	4,372	4,129	4,245	285	325	260	6.1	7.3	5.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	76,580	74,434	73,715	72,856	70,573	70,290	3,724	3,861	3,425	4.9	5.2	4.6

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Barnes	6,304	6,235	6,272	5,925	5,755	5,781	379	480	491	6.0	7.7	7.8
Dickey	3,516	3,327	3,481	3,381	3,143	3,315	135	184	166	3.8	5.5	4.8
Foster	2,363	2,239	2,349	2,183	2,055	2,201	180	184	148	7.6	8.2	6.3
Griggs	1,664	1,567	1,657	1,564	1,444	1,546	100	123	111	6.0	7.8	6.7
La Moure	2,661	2,474	2,683	2,484	2,306	2,513	177	168	170	6.7	6.8	6.3
Logan	1,611	1,541	1,588	1,549	1,417	1,510	62	124	78	3.8	8.0	4.9
McIntosh	2,433	2,316	2,361	2,326	2,205	2,291	107	111	70	4.4	4.8	3.0
Stutsman	13,055	12,781	12,685	12,254	11,846	11,854	801	935	831	6.1	7.3	6.6
Wells	3,149	2,998	3,218	2,903	2,684	2,908	246	314	310	7.8	10.5	9.6
REGION 6 TOTAL	36,756	35,478	36,294	34,569	32,855	33,919	2,187	2,623	2,375	6.0	7.4	6.5
Burleigh	31,671	31,283	30,979	29,296	28,600	28,624	2,375	2,683	2,355	7.5	8.6	7.6
Emmons	2,528	2,341	2,451	2,344	2,130	2,267	184	211	184	7.3	9.0	7.5
Grant	2,203	2,029	2,138	2,053	1,869	2,026	150	160	112	6.8	7.9	5.2
Kidder	1,817	1,703	1,750	1,589	1,471	1,552	228	232	198	12.5	13.6	11.3
McLean	5,058	4,869	5,122	4,511	4,241	4,570	547	628	552	10.8	12.9	10.8
Mercer	6,565	6,493	7,384	5,766	5,668	6,653	799	825	731	12.2	12.7	9.9
Morton	14,425	14,166	13,989	13,163	12,851	12,861	1,262	1,315	1,128	8.7	9.3	8.1
Oliver	1,359	1,237	1,140	1,246	1,122	1,041	113	115	99	8.3	9.3	8.7
Sheridan	1,389	1,255	1,307	1,278	1,144	1,212	111	111	95	8.0	8.8	7.3
Sioux	1,330	1,310	1,363	1,252	1,218	1,253	78	92	110	5.9	7.0	8.1
REGION 7 TOTAL	68,345	66,686	67,623	62,498	60,314	62,059	5,847	6,372	5,564	8.6	9.6	8.2
Adams	1,866	1,791	1,826	1,781	1,715	1,762	85	76	64	4.6	4.2	3.5
Billings	756	694	715	716	657	681	40	37	34	5.3	5.3	4.8
Bowman	2,358	2,264	2,365	2,196	2,105	2,222	162	159	143	6.9	7.0	6.0
Dunn	2,204	2,050	2,166	1,980	1,798	1,955	224	252	211	10.2	12.3	9.7
Golden Valley	1,185	1,114	1,151	1,104	1,004	1,093	81	110	58	6.8	9.9	5.0
Hettinger	2,189	2,054	2,131	2,034	1,881	2,005	155	173	126	7.1	8.4	5.9
Slope	551	523	550	480	435	502	71	88	48	12.9	16.8	8.7
Stark	13,109	12,814	12,852	11,549	11,339	11,702	1,560	1,475	1,150	11.9	11.5	8.9
REGION 8 TOTAL	24,218	23,304	23,756	21,840	20,934	21,922	2,378	2,370	1,834	9.8	10.2	7.7
STATE TOTAL	343,241	333,843	334,785	318,144	306,895	311,728	25,097	26,948	23,057	7.3	8.1	6.9

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Apr. 1986	Previous Month Mar. 1986	One Year Ago Apr. 1985	Percent Change From	
				Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	118,929	118,900	116,958	-0-	1.7
Employment	110,587	110,481	108,574	0.1	1.9
Unemployment	8,342	8,419	8,384	-0.9	-0.5
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.1%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	343,240	333,850	334,790	2.8	2.5
Employment	318,140	306,900	311,730	3.7	2.1
Unemployment	25,100	26,950	23,060	-6.9	8.8
Unemployment Rate	7.3%	8.1%	6.9%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,030	82,510	80,760	1.8	4.0
Employment	79,700	77,990	76,770	2.2	3.8
Unemployment	4,330	4,520	3,990	-4.2	8.5
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.5%	4.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,140	35,690	34,270	1.3	5.5
Employment	34,590	33,980	32,740	1.8	5.7
Unemployment	1,550	1,710	1,530	-9.4	1.3
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.8%	4.5%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,100	45,450	44,970	1.4	2.5
Employment	42,460	41,450	41,490	2.4	2.3
Unemployment	3,640	4,000	3,480	-9.0	4.6
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	8.8%	7.7%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MARCH 1986

(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	333.9	339.5	2,225.0	398.1
Employment	306.9	321.9	2,064.3	361.5
Unemployment	27.0	17.6	160.7	36.6
Unemployment Rate	8.1	5.2	7.2	9.2

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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BEULAH
118 W Main
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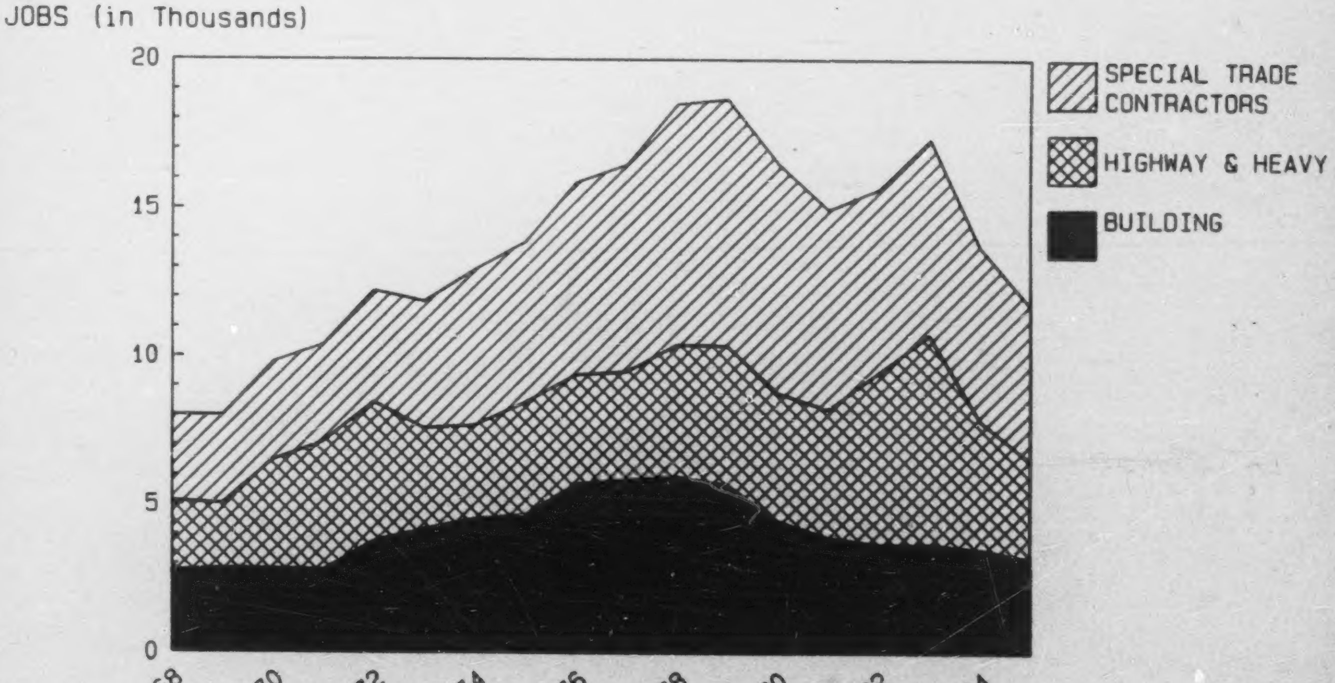

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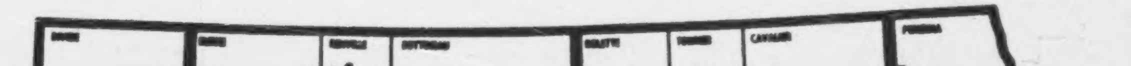

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THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN NORTH DAKOTA

The graph on the cover of this month's Labor Market Advisor, depicts changes in construction jobs over the past 18 years. The need for homes, commercial buildings, highways, and industrial facilities causes employment in the industry to fluctuate based on these demands. The construction of industrial facilities, as an example, requires a large workforce comprised of individuals who have a wide variety of skills.

In 1968, there was a near equal distribution of employment among the three categories. With the awarding of contracts for several large industrial projects in the state, heavy construction increased in the early 1970s hitting a peak in 1983. The major construction that occurred in the past 18 years consisted of power plants, pipelines, a missile complex, and, most recently, the coal gasification plant. The sharp drop in 1984 and 1985 reflects worker layoffs due to the completion of the coal gasification plant.

Although these industrial projects are classified in heavy construction, they influence and cause changes in both building and special trades. The construction of the buildings to house industrial equipment are built, not by the general contractor, but by a subcontractor who specializes in this activity. Plumbers, electricians, painters, and insulation and sheet rock workers are examples of occupations found at the site contributing their special skills toward the completion of the project.

It would be ideal if contractors hired only North Dakota workers, but this may not be possible. A large number of skilled craftsmen are needed on these projects and many, such as pipe fitters and iron workers, move from project to project all across the country. While these workers are in the state, however, they contribute to our economy by purchasing from local merchants the goods and services they require.

In 1959, employment in the construction industry averaged 11,410 and constituted 8.9 percent of the total nonfarm employment. The average in 1985 was 11,710, but accounted for only 4.7 percent of the total. Based on this observation, the industry has a "normal" or "base" level and expands to meet special demands only to contract as projects are completed. With no major projects on the drawing board, coupled with the problems in the energy and the farm sectors, no major change in the construction industry is expected in the next two or three years.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	Apr. 1986	May 1985
TOTAL	251,190	247,480	254,400	1.5	-1.3
MINING	4,710	4,930	6,850	-4.5	-31.2
Coal	1,230	1,230	1,400	0.0	-12.1
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	3,100	3,380	5,030	-8.3	-38.4
Other Mining	380	320	420	18.8	-9.5
CONSTRUCTION	10,530	8,720	12,440	20.8	-15.4
Building Construction	2,830	2,440	3,130	16.0	-9.6
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,160	2,160	3,920	46.3	-19.4
Special Trade Construction	4,540	4,120	5,390	10.2	-15.8
MANUFACTURING	15,440	15,180	15,390	1.7	0.3
Durable Goods	6,200	6,210	6,490	-0.2	-4.5
Stone, Clay, & Glass	850	660	910	28.8	-6.6
Primary & Fabricated Metals	660	620	670	6.5	-1.5
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,610	3,790	3,930	-4.7	-8.1
Other Durable Goods	1,080	1,140	980	-5.3	10.2
Nondurable Goods	9,240	8,970	8,900	3.0	3.8
Food & Kindred Products	4,630	4,410	4,340	5.0	6.7
Dairy Products	890	860	960	3.5	-7.3
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,640	1,550	1,380	5.8	18.8
Bakery Products	410	400	450	2.5	-8.9
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,690	1,600	1,550	5.6	9.0
Printing & Publishing	2,450	2,430	2,410	0.8	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,160	2,130	2,150	1.4	0.5
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,760	15,640	16,540	0.8	-4.7
Transportation	7,590	7,500	7,900	1.2	-3.9
Trucking & Warehousing	4,130	4,040	4,210	2.2	-1.9
Other Transportation	3,460	3,460	3,690	0.0	-6.2
Communications	3,300	3,300	3,440	0.0	-4.1
Public Utilities	4,870	4,840	5,200	0.6	-6.3

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From One Month Ago	Percent Change From One Year Ago
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	Apr. 1986	May 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,670	19,530	20,240	0.7	-2.8
Durable Goods	9,430	9,380	9,930	0.5	-5.0
Nondurable Goods	10,240	10,150	10,310	0.9	-0.7
RETAIL TRADE	48,250	47,390	48,220	1.8	0.1
General Merchandise	5,840	5,810	5,760	0.5	1.4
Food Stores	6,660	6,550	6,600	1.7	0.9
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,830	6,780	6,860	0.7	-0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,760	2,750	2,770	0.4	-0.4
Other Retail	26,160	25,500	26,230	2.6	-0.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,590	12,490	12,500	0.8	0.7
Finance	6,890	6,860	6,810	0.4	1.2
Banking	4,290	4,270	4,320	0.5	-0.7
Other Finance	2,600	2,590	2,490	0.4	4.4
Insurance	3,790	3,770	3,760	0.5	0.8
Real Estate	1,910	1,860	1,930	2.7	-1.0
SERVICES	59,160	59,130	57,780	0.1	2.4
Lodging	4,230	4,190	4,290	1.0	-1.4
Nursing & Personal Care	6,290	6,260	6,220	0.5	1.1
Hospitals	12,370	12,340	12,490	0.2	-1.0
Other Medical	6,530	6,510	6,200	0.3	5.3
Other Services	29,740	29,830	28,580	-0.3	4.1
GOVERNMENT	65,080	64,470	64,440	0.9	1.0
Federal	9,470	9,440	9,310	0.3	1.7
State Government	19,620	19,540	19,500	0.4	0.6
Educational Services	12,580	12,720	12,580	-1.1	0.0
Other State Government	7,040	6,820	6,920	3.2	1.7
Local Government	35,990	35,490	35,630	1.4	1.0
Educational Services	18,220	18,220	17,780	0.0	2.5
Other Local Government	17,770	17,270	17,850	2.9	-0.4

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

				Percent Change From	
Industry	Current Month May 1986	Previous Month Apr. 1986	One Year Ago May 1985	One Month Ago Apr. 1986	One Year Ago May 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	68,080	67,210	67,030	1.3	1.6
Mining & Construction	2,990	2,440	3,220	22.5	-7.1
Manufacturing	4,780	4,680	4,670	2.1	2.4
Durable Goods	2,000	1,930	2,080	3.6	-3.8
Nondurable Goods	2,780	2,750	2,590	1.1	7.3
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,820	3,800	3,930	0.5	-2.8
Trade	20,690	20,400	20,210	1.4	2.4
Wholesale Trade	6,790	6,740	6,730	0.7	0.9
Retail Trade	13,900	13,660	13,480	1.8	3.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,380	4,360	4,260	0.5	2.8
Services	18,050	18,060	17,230	-0.1	4.8
Government	13,370	13,470	13,510	-0.7	-1.0
Federal	2,130	2,130	2,020	0.0	5.4
State & Local	11,240	11,340	11,490	-0.9	-2.2
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,300	28,680	28,670	2.2	2.2
Mining & Construction	1,640	1,310	1,430	25.2	14.7
Manufacturing	1,750	1,620	1,460	8.0	19.9
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,450	1,410	1,500	2.8	-3.3
Trade	8,060	7,970	8,170	1.1	-1.3
Wholesale Trade	1,390	1,360	1,440	2.2	-3.5
Retail Trade	6,670	6,610	6,730	0.9	-0.9
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,070	1,090	1.9	0.0
Services	6,260	6,220	6,110	0.6	2.5
Government	9,050	9,080	8,910	-0.3	1.6
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,080	35,650	36,140	1.2	-0.2
Mining	200	190	210	5.3	-4.8
Construction	1,530	1,270	1,870	20.5	-18.2
Manufacturing	1,940	1,880	2,000	3.2	-3.0
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,710	2,700	2,950	0.4	-8.1
Trade	9,700	9,580	9,570	1.3	1.4
Wholesale	2,350	2,350	2,460	0.0	-4.5
Retail	7,350	7,230	7,110	1.7	3.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,720	1,700	1,690	1.2	1.8
Services	10,030	10,200	9,770	-1.7	2.7
Government	8,250	8,130	8,080	1.5	2.1

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month May 1986	Previous Month Apr. 1986	One Year Ago May 1985	Percent Change From	
					Apr. 1986	May 1985
All Items	322.2	326.3	325.3	321.3	0.3	1.6
Food & Beverage	302.0	309.4	308.5	301.0	0.3	2.8
Housing	349.9	358.5	358.0	348.5	0.1	2.9
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	206.4	207.3	205.3	-0.4	0.5
Transportation	319.9	305.7	303.3	321.4	0.8	-4.9
Medical Care	403.1	429.7	428.0	399.5	0.4	7.6
Entertainment	265.0	272.9	272.3	263.6	0.2	3.5

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month May 1986	Previous Month Apr. 1986	One Year Ago May 1985	Percent Change From	
					Apr. 1986	May 1985
All Commodities	308.8	299.2	297.9	309.8	0.4	-3.4
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	250.6	246.1	250.2	1.8	0.2
Industrial Commodities	323.9	311.7	311.3	325.3	0.1	-4.2

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	394.23	392.85	382.04	40.6	40.5	40.3	9.71	9.70	9.48
Durable Goods	422.51	423.54	411.64	41.1	41.2	41.0	10.28	10.28	10.04
Nondurable Goods	354.22	351.65	339.55	39.8	39.6	39.3	8.90	8.88	8.64
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	315.21	301.22	312.39	38.3	36.6	39.0	8.23	8.23	8.01
Durable Goods	338.12	330.65	344.73	39.5	38.9	40.7	8.56	8.50	8.47
Nondurable Goods	300.00	281.85	289.17	37.5	35.1	37.8	8.00	8.03	7.65
Food & Kindred	294.57	284.90	310.71	37.1	35.0	40.3	7.94	8.14	7.71
Printing & Publishing	277.10	262.26	265.36	32.6	31.0	32.6	8.50	8.46	8.14
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	316.57	301.80	311.91	37.2	36.1	37.0	8.51	8.36	8.43
Durable Goods	326.97	309.67	313.36	37.8	37.4	37.8	8.65	8.28	8.29
Nondurable Goods	309.12	296.03	310.49	36.8	35.2	36.4	8.40	8.41	8.53

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Divide	1,722	1,620	1,742	1,628	1,521	1,675	94	99	67	5.5	6.1	3.8
McKenzie	4,164	3,856	3,984	3,857	3,505	3,798	307	351	186	7.4	9.1	4.7
Williams	14,320	14,265	14,348	12,450	12,386	13,419	1,870	1,879	929	13.1	13.2	6.5
REGION 1 TOTAL	20,206	19,741	20,074	17,935	17,412	18,892	2,271	2,329	1,182	11.2	11.8	5.9
Bottineau	4,272	3,895	4,172	3,988	3,538	3,930	284	357	242	6.6	9.2	5.8
Burke	1,765	1,608	1,701	1,623	1,454	1,613	142	154	88	8.0	9.6	5.2
McHenry	3,378	3,295	3,346	2,951	2,730	2,981	427	565	365	12.6	17.1	10.9
Mountrail	3,884	3,625	3,590	3,518	3,223	3,357	366	402	233	9.4	11.1	6.5
Pierce	2,883	2,752	2,859	2,719	2,565	2,716	164	187	143	5.7	6.8	5.0
Renville	1,703	1,494	1,551	1,577	1,345	1,451	126	149	100	7.4	10.0	6.4
Ward	26,574	26,174	26,044	24,863	24,145	24,485	1,711	2,029	1,559	6.4	7.8	6.0
REGION 2 TOTAL	44,459	42,843	43,263	41,239	39,000	40,533	3,220	3,843	2,730	7.2	9.0	6.3
Benson	3,668	3,425	3,580	3,433	3,149	3,305	235	276	275	6.4	8.1	7.7
Cavalier	3,038	2,873	3,063	2,868	2,648	2,863	170	225	200	5.6	7.8	6.5
Eddy	1,665	1,611	1,694	1,538	1,419	1,561	127	192	133	7.6	11.9	7.9
Ramsey	6,845	6,713	6,773	6,540	6,324	6,403	305	389	370	4.5	5.8	5.5
Rolette	5,855	5,594	5,445	5,056	4,829	4,732	799	765	713	13.6	13.7	13.1
Towner	2,016	1,968	1,950	1,950	1,850	1,909	66	118	41	3.3	6.0	2.1
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,087	22,184	22,505	21,385	20,219	20,773	1,702	1,965	1,732	7.4	8.9	7.7
Grand Forks	36,714	36,158	35,262	35,467	34,604	33,985	1,247	1,554	1,277	3.4	4.3	3.6
Nelson	2,284	2,230	2,324	2,142	2,053	2,170	142	177	154	6.2	7.9	6.6
Pembina	6,061	5,912	5,668	5,637	5,314	5,313	424	598	355	7.0	10.1	6.3
Walsh	8,712	8,311	8,476	8,360	7,814	8,008	352	497	468	4.0	6.0	5.5
REGION 4 TOTAL	53,771	52,611	51,730	51,606	49,785	49,476	2,165	2,826	2,254	4.0	5.4	4.4
Cass	57,105	56,560	54,844	54,990	54,049	52,901	2,115	2,511	1,943	3.7	4.4	3.5
Ransom	2,984	2,895	2,930	2,889	2,747	2,802	95	148	128	3.2	5.1	4.4
Richland	8,863	8,478	8,903	8,447	7,944	8,386	416	534	517	4.7	6.3	5.8
Sargent	2,753	2,675	2,773	2,628	2,514	2,635	125	161	138	4.5	6.0	5.0
Steele	1,442	1,320	1,447	1,376	1,232	1,404	66	88	43	4.6	6.7	3.0
Traill	4,846	4,658	4,744	4,594	4,374	4,552	252	284	192	5.2	6.1	4.0
REGION 5 TOTAL	77,993	76,586	75,641	74,924	72,860	72,680	3,069	3,726	2,961	3.9	4.9	3.9

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
County	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Barnes	6,493	6,306	6,441	6,195	5,927	6,054	298	379	387	4.6	6.0	6.0
Dickey	3,722	3,514	3,696	3,608	3,381	3,564	114	133	132	3.1	3.8	3.6
Foster	2,493	2,364	2,448	2,335	2,183	2,348	158	181	100	6.3	7.7	4.1
Griggs	1,784	1,663	1,755	1,705	1,564	1,691	79	99	64	4.4	6.0	3.6
La Moure	2,896	2,663	2,871	2,749	2,485	2,753	147	178	118	5.1	6.7	4.1
Logan	1,786	1,611	1,731	1,742	1,550	1,671	44	61	60	2.5	3.8	3.5
McIntosh	2,550	2,435	2,541	2,456	2,326	2,481	94	109	60	3.7	4.5	2.4
Stutsman	13,534	13,058	13,048	12,811	12,257	12,416	723	801	632	5.3	6.1	4.8
Wells	3,353	3,150	3,348	3,170	2,904	3,132	183	246	216	5.5	7.8	6.5
REGION 6 TOTAL	38,611	36,764	37,879	36,771	34,577	36,110	1,840	2,187	1,769	4.8	5.9	4.7
Burleigh	32,425	31,682	31,470	30,044	29,305	29,400	2,381	2,377	2,070	7.3	7.5	6.6
Emmons	2,641	2,529	2,655	2,487	2,346	2,485	154	183	170	5.8	7.2	6.4
Grant	2,408	2,203	2,365	2,269	2,053	2,260	139	150	105	5.8	6.8	4.4
Kidder	1,936	1,818	1,845	1,741	1,589	1,708	195	229	137	10.1	12.6	7.4
McLean	5,163	5,060	5,244	4,715	4,513	4,821	448	547	423	8.7	10.8	8.1
Mercer	6,305	6,566	7,654	5,604	5,767	7,054	701	799	600	11.1	12.2	7.8
Morton	14,376	14,429	14,149	13,499	13,167	13,210	877	1,262	939	6.1	8.7	6.6
Oliver	1,362	1,359	1,232	1,272	1,246	1,149	90	113	83	6.6	8.3	6.7
Sheridan	1,483	1,389	1,410	1,401	1,278	1,368	82	111	42	5.5	8.0	3.0
Sioux	1,462	1,331	1,417	1,311	1,252	1,311	151	79	106	10.3	5.9	7.5
REGION 7 TOTAL	69,561	68,366	69,441	64,343	62,516	64,766	5,218	5,850	4,675	7.5	8.6	6.7
Adams	1,961	1,867	1,930	1,911	1,782	1,884	50	85	46	2.5	4.6	2.4
Billings	986	755	939	945	716	916	41	39	23	4.2	5.2	2.4
Bowman	2,557	2,358	2,493	2,417	2,197	2,424	140	161	69	5.5	6.8	2.8
Dunn	2,291	2,205	2,382	2,104	1,981	2,199	187	224	183	8.2	10.2	7.7
Golden Valley	1,222	1,186	1,223	1,160	1,104	1,158	62	82	65	5.1	6.9	5.3
Hettinger	2,346	2,190	2,294	2,225	2,034	2,192	121	156	102	5.2	7.1	4.4
Slope	605	551	615	544	480	598	61	71	17	10.1	12.9	2.8
Stark	13,212	13,112	13,257	11,867	11,551	12,282	1,345	1,561	975	10.2	11.9	7.4
REGION 8 TOTAL	25,180	24,224	25,133	23,173	21,845	23,653	2,007	2,379	1,480	8.0	9.8	5.9
STATE TOTAL	352,868	343,319	345,666	331,376	318,214	326,883	21,492	25,105	18,783	6.1	7.3	5.4

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month May 1986	Previous Month Apr. 1986	One Year Ago May 1985	Percent Change From	
				Apr. 1986	May 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	119,351	118,929	117,044	0.4	2.0
Employment	110,797	110,587	108,644	0.2	2.0
Unemployment	8,554	8,342	8,400	2.5	1.8
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.0%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	352,870	343,320	345,670	2.8	2.1
Employment	331,380	318,210	326,890	4.1	1.4
Unemployment	21,490	25,110	18,780	-14.4	14.4
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	7.3%	5.4%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,500	84,080	81,540	0.5	3.6
Employment	81,160	79,740	78,380	1.8	3.5
Unemployment	3,340	4,340	3,160	-23.0	5.7
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.2%	3.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,720	36,150	35,270	1.6	4.1
Employment	35,470	34,600	33,990	2.5	4.4
Unemployment	1,250	1,550	1,280	-19.4	-2.3
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.3%	3.6%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,800	46,110	45,620	1.5	2.6
Employment	43,540	42,470	42,610	2.5	2.2
Unemployment	3,260	3,640	3,010	-10.4	8.3
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.9%	6.6%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
APRIL 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	343.3	348.4	2,243.1	408.0
Employment	318.2	334.1	2,104.6	374.3
Unemployment	25.1	14.3	138.5	33.7
Unemployment Rate	7.3	4.1	6.2	8.3

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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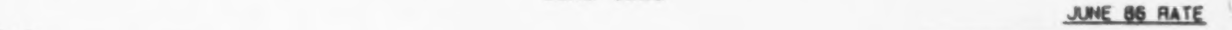
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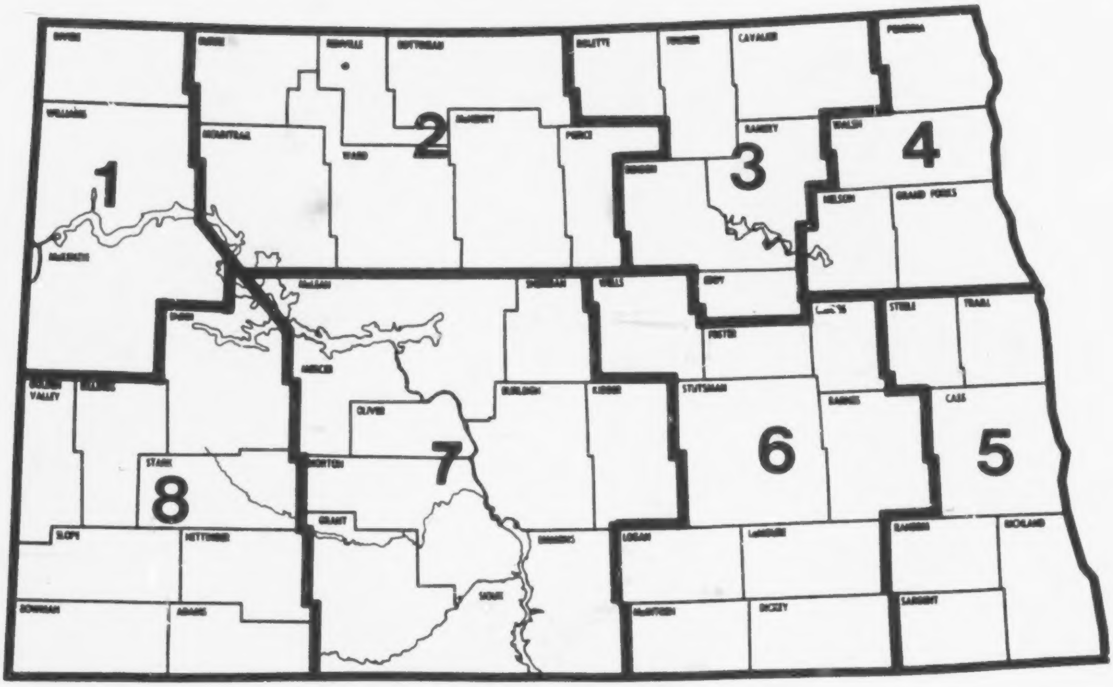
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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

				Percent Change From	
Industry	Current Month June 1986	Previous Month May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985	One Month Ago May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985
TOTAL	251,760	251,290	255,430	0.2	-1.4
MINING	5,020	4,720	7,040	6.4	-28.7
Coal	1,240	1,230	1,430	0.8	-13.3
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	3,310	3,110	5,120	6.4	-35.4
Other Mining	470	380	490	23.7	-4.1
CONSTRUCTION	11,850	10,540	13,610	12.4	-12.9
Building Construction	3,210	2,830	3,540	13.4	-9.3
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,860	3,160	4,380	22.2	-11.9
Special Trade Construction	4,780	4,550	5,690	5.1	-16.0
MANUFACTURING	15,580	15,460	15,730	0.8	-1.0
Durable Goods	6,270	6,210	6,730	1.0	-6.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass	940	850	1,020	10.6	-7.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	670	660	720	1.5	-6.9
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,610	3,620	3,980	-0.3	-9.3
Other Durable Goods	1,050	1,080	1,010	-2.8	4.0
Nondurable Goods	9,310	9,250	9,000	0.6	3.4
Food & Kindred Products	4,660	4,640	4,440	0.4	5.0
Dairy Products	930	890	990	4.5	-6.1
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,620	1,650	1,420	-1.8	14.1
Bakery Products	410	410	450	0.0	-8.9
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,700	1,690	1,580	0.6	7.6
Printing & Publishing	2,450	2,450	2,410	0.0	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,200	2,160	2,150	1.9	2.3
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,740	15,790	16,500	-0.3	-4.6
Transportation	7,450	7,610	7,710	-2.1	-3.4
Trucking & Warehousing	4,130	4,130	4,240	0.0	-2.6
Other Transportation	3,320	3,480	3,470	-4.6	-4.3
Communications	3,370	3,310	3,500	1.8	-3.7
Public Utilities	4,920	4,870	5,290	1.0	-7.0

THE NORTH DAKOTA LABOR FORCE—JUNE 1986

OVERVIEW: The labor force in North Dakota edged up from 352,960 in May to 353,690 in June. A review of the eight regions indicates a similar stability with only minor variations. (A map of North Dakota showing the regions is printed on the back of the front cover.) Unemployment increased by 930 which caused the state rate to move from 6.1 percent in May to 6.3 percent in June.

Although there has not been a significant change in the labor force over the past year, a slight increase is evident as it moved from 350,290 in June 1985 to its present level. Total employment moved up slightly, while the number of unemployed rose sharply from 19,540 to 22,420. As expected, Regions I and VIII, on the western edge of the state, showed significant increases in the number of unemployed. These two regions, where nearly all of the state's oil exploration and production is centered, account for 60 percent, or three out of every five of the nearly 3,000 additional unemployed workers. While the state rate of 6.3 percent is above normal for this time of the year, the rate of 12.1 percent in Region I and 8.3 percent in Region VIII reflects the severity of the slump in the oil economy. In June 1985, the unemployment rate in Region I was 6.4 percent, while Region VIII had a rate of 6.1 percent. In contrast, the rates in Regions IV and V, bordering Minnesota, have unemployment rates of 4.7 percent and 4 percent respectively and are up only slightly from the levels of June 1985. Since all of the known oil reserves are in the western part of the state, the downturn in the petroleum sector has not had a direct effect on the economy in eastern North Dakota. Regions IV and V, primarily the cities of Grand Forks and Fargo, receive strong economic support through wholesale and retail trade, business and financial services, colleges, and medical facilities.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: Nonfarm wage and salary employment rose by 470 during the past month, reaching 251,760 in June. Only two industries had noticeable changes: construction employment increased by 1,300 which is a normal, seasonal occurrence, while government employment dropped by 1,840. All of the decline occurred in state and local schools as the school year ended. Part of this decrease was offset by additions in other government agencies. Most of these are seasonal workers employed in recreational or maintenance activities.

Compared to June 1985, employment is down by 3,670. The major decreases occurred in mining and construction, while minor drops were evident in manufacturing and transportation, communications, and utilities. Employment in oil exploration and production dropped by 1,810 (-35.4 percent) because of a worldwide surplus and the resultant decrease in the price paid per barrel. Construction employment is down to 11,850 due to the absence of many major projects in the state. Manufacturing lost 150 jobs. Employment in durable goods is off by 460, caused by a low demand for farm equipment, while employment in nondurable goods is up by 370. The combined industry--transportation, communications, and utilities--is down 760, with all segments contributing to the decline. Wholesale trade employment fell by 640 due to less activity in the agriculture and mining industries. Although the balance of the industries showed gains, the only significant increase--1,570--was in services, with the strongest growth period posted by social and medical services.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	May 1986	June 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,770	68,160	65,590	-2.0	1.8
Mining & Construction	3,390	2,990	3,580	13.4	-5.3
Manufacturing	4,800	4,740	4,720	1.3	1.7
Durable Goods	1,970	1,950	2,090	1.0	-5.7
Nondurable Goods	2,830	2,790	2,630	1.4	7.6
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,830	3,830	3,910	0.0	-2.0
Trade	20,650	20,690	20,150	-0.2	2.5
Wholesale Trade	6,830	6,790	6,800	0.6	0.4
Retail Trade	13,820	13,900	13,350	-0.6	3.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,440	4,380	4,300	1.4	3.3
Services	17,320	18,080	16,580	-4.2	4.5
Government	12,340	13,450	12,350	-8.3	-0.1
Federal	2,110	2,130	2,060	-0.9	2.4
State & Local	10,230	11,320	10,290	-9.6	-0.6
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,300	29,300	27,650	-3.4	2.4
Mining & Construction	1,910	1,650	1,710	15.8	11.7
Manufacturing	1,730	1,750	1,510	-1.1	14.6
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,410	1,450	1,440	-2.8	-2.1
Trade	7,950	8,060	8,030	-1.4	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,390	1,430	0.7	-2.1
Retail Trade	6,550	6,670	6,600	-1.8	-0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,090	1,090	0.0	0.0
Services	6,310	6,260	6,020	0.8	4.8
Government	7,900	9,040	7,850	-12.6	0.6
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,490	36,090	36,450	1.1	0.1
Mining	200	200	210	0.0	-4.8
Construction	1,600	1,530	1,970	4.6	-18.8
Manufacturing	1,990	1,940	2,050	2.6	-2.9
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,670	2,710	2,910	-1.5	-8.2
Trade	9,820	9,710	9,710	1.1	1.1
Wholesale	2,370	2,350	2,490	0.9	-4.8
Retail	7,450	7,360	7,220	1.2	3.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,720	1,720	1,700	0.0	1.2
Services	9,960	10,030	9,660	-0.7	3.1
Government	8,530	8,250	8,240	3.4	3.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	May 1986	June 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,740	19,660	20,380	0.4	-3.1
Durable Goods	9,520	9,430	10,060	1.0	-5.4
Nondurable Goods	10,220	10,230	10,320	-0.1	-1.0
RETAIL TRADE	48,410	48,240	48,390	0.4	0.0
General Merchandise	5,900	5,850	5,780	0.9	2.1
Food Stores	6,690	6,650	6,640	0.6	0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,890	6,830	6,930	0.9	-0.6
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,750	2,760	2,740	-0.4	0.4
Other Retail	26,180	26,150	26,300	0.1	-0.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,690	12,590	12,650	0.8	0.3
Finance	6,910	6,890	6,870	0.3	0.6
Banking	4,310	4,290	4,360	0.5	-1.1
Other Finance	2,600	2,600	2,510	0.0	3.6
Insurance	3,820	3,790	3,800	0.8	0.5
Real Estate	1,960	1,910	1,980	2.6	-1.0
SERVICES	59,490	59,210	57,920	0.5	2.7
Lodging	4,190	4,230	4,290	-0.9	-2.3
Nursing & Personal Care	6,410	6,310	6,350	1.6	0.9
Hospitals	12,410	12,370	12,520	0.3	-0.9
Other Medical	6,600	6,530	6,210	1.1	6.3
Other Services	29,880	29,770	28,550	0.4	4.7
GOVERNMENT	63,240	65,080	63,210	-2.8	0.0
Federal	9,660	9,470	9,650	2.0	0.1
State Government	18,320	19,620	18,420	-6.6	-0.5
Educational Services	10,850	12,580	11,060	-13.8	-1.9
Other State Government	7,470	7,040	7,360	6.1	1.5
Local Government	35,260	35,990	35,140	-2.0	0.3
Educational Services	15,980	18,220	15,580	-12.3	2.6
Other Local Government	19,280	17,770	19,560	8.5	-1.4

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Divide	1,717	1,722	1,748	1,611	1,628	1,681	106	94	67	6.2	5.5	3.8
McKenzie	4,159	4,165	4,047	3,849	3,858	3,844	310	307	203	7.5	7.4	5.0
Williams	14,830	14,323	14,978	12,747	12,453	13,920	2,083	1,870	1,058	14.0	13.1	7.1
REGION 1 TOTAL	20,706	20,210	20,773	18,207	17,939	19,445	2,499	2,271	1,328	12.1	11.2	6.4
Bottineau	4,311	4,273	4,304	4,013	3,989	4,018	298	284	286	6.9	6.6	6.6
Burke	1,713	1,766	1,656	1,543	1,624	1,563	170	142	93	9.9	8.0	5.6
McHenry	3,258	3,376	3,307	2,857	2,949	2,936	401	427	371	12.3	12.6	11.2
Mountrail	3,883	3,885	3,638	3,479	3,519	3,379	404	366	259	10.4	9.4	7.1
Pierce	2,923	2,884	2,942	2,769	2,720	2,802	154	164	140	5.3	5.7	4.8
Renville	1,699	1,703	1,521	1,534	1,577	1,437	165	126	84	9.7	7.4	5.5
Ward	27,106	26,582	26,994	25,387	24,870	25,337	1,719	1,712	1,657	6.3	6.4	6.1
REGION 2 TOTAL	44,893	44,469	44,362	41,582	41,248	41,472	3,311	3,221	2,890	7.4	7.2	6.5
Benson	3,624	3,667	3,556	3,337	3,433	3,273	287	234	283	7.9	6.4	8.0
Cavalier	3,051	3,038	3,123	2,896	2,868	2,942	155	170	181	5.1	5.6	5.8
Eddy	1,640	1,665	1,689	1,509	1,538	1,559	131	127	130	8.0	7.6	7.7
Ramsey	6,947	6,847	6,971	6,638	6,542	6,585	309	305	386	4.4	4.5	5.5
Rolette	5,928	5,855	5,556	5,035	5,056	4,785	893	799	771	15.1	13.6	13.9
Towner	2,010	2,016	1,965	1,927	1,950	1,916	83	66	49	4.1	3.3	2.5
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,200	23,088	22,860	21,342	21,387	21,060	1,858	1,701	1,800	8.0	7.4	7.9
Grand Forks	36,015	36,711	34,415	34,564	35,463	33,227	1,451	1,248	1,188	4.0	3.4	3.5
Nelson	2,299	2,284	2,352	2,173	2,142	2,228	126	142	124	5.5	6.2	5.3
Pembina	6,093	6,062	5,787	5,625	5,638	5,382	468	424	405	7.7	7.0	7.0
Walsh	8,816	8,714	8,577	8,369	8,362	8,118	447	352	459	5.1	4.0	5.4
REGION 4 TOTAL	53,223	53,771	51,131	50,731	51,605	48,955	2,492	2,166	2,176	4.7	4.0	4.3
Cass	56,540	57,156	54,668	54,372	55,040	52,747	2,168	2,116	1,921	3.8	3.7	3.5
Ransom	3,013	2,985	2,979	2,907	2,890	2,869	106	95	110	3.5	3.2	3.7
Richland	8,969	8,862	9,213	8,577	8,449	8,627	392	413	586	4.4	4.7	6.4
Sargent	2,817	2,755	2,850	2,674	2,630	2,723	143	125	127	5.1	4.5	4.5
Steele	1,445	1,443	1,459	1,378	1,377	1,422	67	66	37	4.6	4.6	2.5
Traill	4,792	4,847	4,796	4,550	4,595	4,583	242	252	213	5.1	5.2	4.4
REGION 5 TOTAL	77,576	78,048	75,965	74,458	74,981	72,971	3,118	3,067	2,994	4.0	3.9	3.9

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Barnes	6,482	6,492	6,508	6,199	6,194	6,169	283	298	339	4.4	4.6	5.2
Dickey	3,780	3,722	3,828	3,671	3,608	3,686	109	114	142	2.9	3.1	3.7
Foster	2,406	2,492	2,416	2,256	2,334	2,313	150	158	103	6.2	6.3	4.3
Griggs	1,735	1,784	1,754	1,670	1,705	1,682	65	79	72	3.7	4.4	4.1
La Moure	2,834	2,895	2,868	2,709	2,748	2,758	125	147	110	4.4	5.1	3.8
Logan	1,771	1.786	1,748	1,725	1,742	1,687	46	44	61	2.6	2.5	3.5
McIntosh	2,580	2,550	2,567	2,449	2,456	2,516	131	94	51	5.1	3.7	2.0
Stutsman	13,584	13,537	13,272	12,889	12,814	12,666	695	723	606	5.1	5.3	4.6
Wells	3,300	3,356	3,337	3,129	3,173	3,140	171	183	197	5.2	5.5	5.9
REGION 6 TOTAL	38,472	38,614	38,298	36,697	36,774	36,617	1,775	1,840	1,681	4.6	4.8	4.4
Burleigh	32,828	32,435	32,386	30,545	30,052	30,250	2,283	2,383	2,136	7.0	7.3	6.6
Emmons	2,658	2,644	2,651	2,480	2,490	2,515	178	154	136	6.7	5.8	5.1
Grant	2,371	2,408	2,394	2,245	2,269	2,267	126	139	127	5.3	5.8	5.3
Kidder	1,881	1,936	1,836	1,715	1,741	1,715	166	195	121	8.8	10.1	6.6
McLean	5,069	5,164	5,290	4,637	4,716	4,809	432	448	481	8.5	8.7	9.1
Mercer	6,119	6,305	7,566	5,425	5,604	6,881	694	701	685	11.3	11.1	9.1
Morton	14,684	14,380	14,664	13,725	13,503	13,592	959	877	1,072	6.5	6.1	7.3
Oliver	1,401	1,362	1,260	1,283	1,272	1,167	118	90	93	8.4	6.6	7.4
Sheridan	1,488	1,483	1,443	1,402	1,401	1,387	86	82	56	5.8	5.5	3.9
Sioux	1,423	1,462	1,438	1,231	1,311	1,255	192	151	183	13.5	10.3	12.7
REGION 7 TOTAL	69,922	69,579	70,928	64,688	64,359	65,838	5,234	5,220	5,090	7.5	7.5	7.2
Adams	1,956	1,961	1,939	1,887	1,911	1,896	69	50	43	3.5	2.5	2.2
Billings	1,170	986	1,114	1,116	945	1,089	54	41	25	4.6	4.2	2.2
Bowman	2,601	2,557	2,622	2,439	2,417	2,487	162	140	135	6.2	5.5	5.1
Dunn	2,231	2,291	2,333	2,043	2,104	2,152	188	187	181	8.4	8.2	7.8
Golden Valley	1,240	1,222	1,272	1,173	1,160	1,190	67	62	82	5.4	5.1	6.4
Hettinger	2,330	2,347	2,319	2,229	2,226	2,239	101	121	80	4.3	5.2	3.4
Slope	613	605	636	533	544	583	80	61	53	13.1	10.1	8.3
Stark	13,559	13,215	13,740	12,149	11,870	12,754	1,410	1,345	986	10.4	10.2	7.2
REGION 8 TOTAL	25,700	25,184	25,975	23,569	23,177	24,390	2,131	2,007	1,585	8.3	8.0	6.1
STATE TOTAL	353,692	352,963	350,292	331,274	331,470	330,748	22,418	21,493	19,544	6.3	6.1	5.6

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month June 1986	Previous Month May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985	Percent Change From	
				May 1986	June 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	119,796	119,351	116,726	0.4	2.6
Employment	111,353	110,797	108,303	0.5	2.8
Unemployment	8,443	8,554	8,423	-1.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.2%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	353,690	352,960	350,290	0.2	1.0
Employment	331,270	331,470	330,750	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment	22,420	21,490	19,540	4.3	14.7
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.1%	5.6%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	83,520	83,570	81,060	-0.1	3.0
Employment	80,110	80,110	77,860	-0-	2.9
Unemployment	3,410	3,460	3,200	-1.4	6.6
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,010	36,710	34,420	-1.9	4.6
Employment	34,560	35,460	33,230	-2.5	4.0
Unemployment	1,450	1,250	1,190	16.0	21.8
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,510	46,820	47,050	1.5	1.0
Employment	44,270	43,560	43,840	1.6	1.0
Unemployment	3,240	3,260	3,210	-0.6	0.9
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.0%	6.8%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MAY 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	353.0	357.6	2,255.6	410.3
Employment	331.5	343.3	2,142.3	381.0
Unemployment	21.5	14.3	113.3	29.3
Unemployment Rate	6.1	4.0	5.0	7.1

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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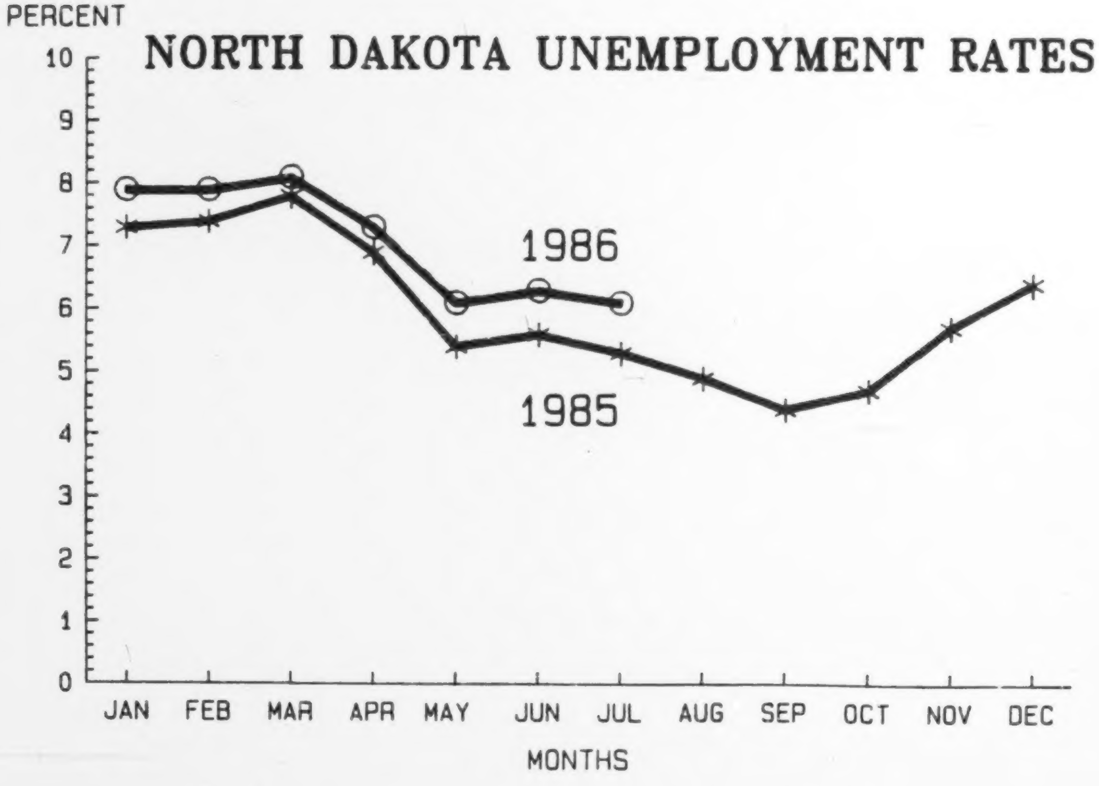
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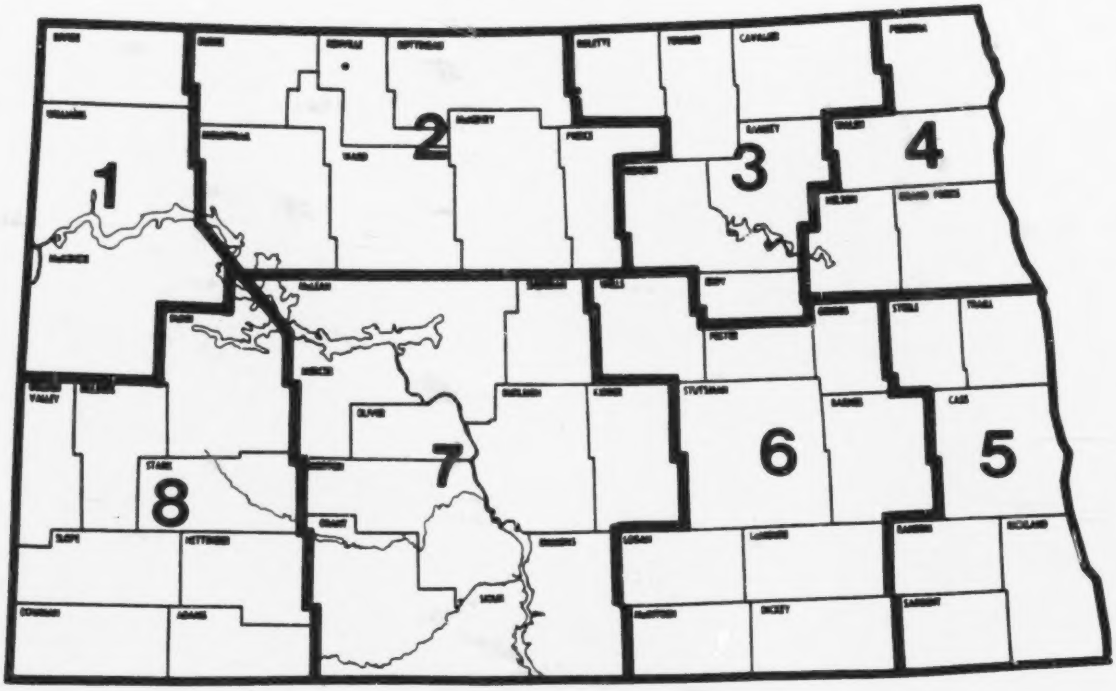

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Labor force, employment, and hours and earnings estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY

Many times you have probably seen a news article in your local newspaper that began . . . "According to results of the Current Population Survey (CPS) released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) . . ." Each month BLS analyzes and publishes statistics on the employed, unemployed, and persons not in the labor force. These statistics are derived from the CPS which is conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The survey is based on a scientifically selected sample of some 70,000 households' representatives of the working-age population 16 years of age and over. The sample is spread throughout every state and the District of Columbia, and is designed to reflect urban and rural areas, different types of industrial and farming areas, and the major geographic divisions of the country in the proportion they bear to the nation as a whole. Each household surveyed represents about 1,500 households throughout the United States.

Once a household is selected, it will be included in the survey for four consecutive months, dropped for eight months, and then will return for four more months after which time it will be permanently dropped from the sample. An interviewer (enumerator) visits the household the first time in each four-month segment, while the other interviews are usually conducted by telephone. Since the survey is based on households (addresses), the interview is conducted with whoever is residing in the household at the time. The interviewer completes a questionnaire for each household member 16 years of age and over concerning their activities during the week containing the 12th day of the month. The questions are all preselected by the Bureau of the Census, the interviewers have no discretion or choice about what to ask or whom to interview. Also note: responses are held in the strictest confidence and the data is released in a manner ensuring that no person or household can be identified.

The CPS survey not only asks questions concerning labor force activity, but is a comprehensive source of information on characteristics of workers such as age, sex, race, ethnicity, educational level, marital status, family relationships, industry, and occupation of workers. Data is also collected on the number of hours worked.

In North Dakota, approximately 900 households are originally chosen to be interviewed. These households are distributed in 17 counties. Because households do not remain permanent (mobile homes are moved, houses are demolished either intentionally or by nature, or a residence remains vacant), the actual number of households becomes less than the original 900.

Job Service North Dakota takes great interest in the CPS because the labor force data derived from the survey are used to create employment and unemployment figures for our monthly unemployment rates. With a small state such as ours, it is important that household residents try to answer CPS questions as correctly as possible, for your answers today will be used for tomorrow's labor force data. If you have any questions on how CPS data is used by Job Service, please feel free to contact Warren Boyd in the Research and Statistics Section by either phoning (701) 224-3048 or by writing:

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	June 1986	July 1985
TOTAL	249,310	252,190	253,050	-1.1%	-1.5%
MINING	4,460	4,530	7,060	-1.5%	-36.8%
Coal	1,210	1,210	1,390	0.0%	-12.9%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,750	2,840	5,140	-3.2%	-46.5%
Other Mining	500	480	530	4.2%	-5.7%
CONSTRUCTION	12,910	12,540	14,120	3.0%	-8.6%
Building Construction	3,590	3,380	3,870	6.2%	-7.2%
Street, Highway & Heavy	4,000	3,920	4,510	2.0%	-11.3%
Special Trade Construction	5,320	5,240	5,740	1.5%	-7.3%
MANUFACTURING	15,560	15,720	15,510	-1.0%	0.3%
Durable Goods	6,340	6,490	6,580	-2.3%	-3.6%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	950	930	1,050	2.2%	-9.5%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	670	650	690	3.1%	-2.9%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,590	3,780	3,790	-5.0%	-5.3%
Other Durable Goods	1,130	1,130	1,050	0.0%	7.6%
Nondurable Goods	9,220	9,230	8,930	-0.1%	3.2%
Food & Kindred Products	4,580	4,610	4,380	-0.7%	4.6%
Dairy Products	930	940	970	-1.1%	-4.1%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,510	1,570	1,400	-3.8%	7.9%
Bakery Products	420	420	440	0.0%	-4.5%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,720	1,680	1,570	2.4%	9.6%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,240	2,220	2,150	0.9%	4.2%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,610	15,710	16,400	-0.6%	-4.8%
Transportation	7,450	7,500	7,650	-0.7%	-2.6%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,110	4,140	4,170	-0.7%	-1.4%
Other Transportation	3,340	3,360	3,480	-0.6%	-4.0%
Communications	3,270	3,290	3,490	-0.6%	-6.3%
Public Utilities	4,890	4,920	5,260	-0.6%	-7.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	June 1986	July 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,760	19,770	20,180	-0.1%	-2.1%
Durable Goods	9,630	9,520	10,030	1.2%	-4.0%
Nondurable Goods	10,130	10,250	10,150	-1.2%	-0.2%
RETAIL TRADE	48,240	48,420	48,090	-0.4%	0.3%
General Merchandise	5,960	5,930	5,880	0.5%	1.4%
Food Stores	6,650	6,690	6,610	-0.6%	0.6%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,880	6,890	6,870	-0.1%	0.1%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,760	2,750	2,790	0.4%	-1.1%
Other Retail	25,990	26,160	25,940	-0.6%	0.2%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,700	12,690	12,590	0.1%	0.9%
Finance	6,920	6,910	6,870	0.1%	0.7%
Banking	4,310	4,310	4,350	0.0%	-0.9%
Other Finance	2,610	2,600	2,520	0.4%	3.6%
Insurance	3,810	3,820	3,780	-0.3%	0.8%
Real Estate	1,970	1,960	1,940	0.5%	1.5%
SERVICES	59,680	59,500	58,140	0.3%	2.6%
Lodging	4,240	4,190	4,360	1.2%	-2.8%
Nursing & Personal Care	6,400	6,420	6,300	-0.3%	1.6%
Hospitals	12,410	12,410	12,470	0.0%	-0.5%
Other Medical	6,660	6,600	6,300	0.9%	5.7%
Other Services	29,970	29,880	28,710	0.3%	4.4%
GOVERNMENT	60,390	63,310	60,960	-4.6%	-0.9%
Federal	9,660	9,650	9,720	0.1%	-0.6%
State Government	17,550	18,320	18,000	-4.2%	-2.5%
Educational Services	9,980	10,850	10,470	-8.0%	-4.7%
Other State Government	7,570	7,470	7,530	1.3%	0.5%
Local Government	33,180	35,340	33,240	-6.1%	-0.2%
Educational Services	13,460	16,020	13,410	-16.0%	0.4%
Other Local Government	19,720	19,320	19,830	2.1%	-0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From One Month Ago	Percent Change From One Year Ago
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	June 1986	July 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	65,780	66,730	65,200	-1.4%	0.9%
Mining & Construction	3,660	3,400	3,890	7.6%	-5.9%
Manufacturing	4,640	4,800	4,600	-3.3%	0.9%
Durable Goods	1,800	1,970	1,880	-8.6%	-4.3%
Nondurable Goods	2,840	2,830	2,720	0.4%	4.4%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,810	3,820	3,910	-0.3%	-2.6%
Trade	20,520	20,660	20,080	-0.7%	2.2%
Wholesale Trade	6,810	6,840	6,740	-0.4%	1.0%
Retail Trade	13,710	13,820	13,340	-0.8%	2.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,470	4,440	4,300	0.7%	4.0%
Services	17,380	17,320	16,720	0.3%	3.9%
Government	11,300	12,290	11,700	-8.1%	-3.4%
Federal	2,130	2,110	2,070	0.9%	2.9%
State & Local	9,170	10,180	9,630	-9.9%	-4.8%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,310	28,300	27,760	0.0%	2.0%
Mining & Construction	2,020	1,910	1,900	5.8%	6.3%
Manufacturing	1,690	1,730	1,500	-2.3%	12.7%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,390	1,400	1,450	-0.7%	-4.1%
Trade	7,940	7,960	7,930	-0.3%	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,420	0.0%	-1.4%
Retail Trade	6,540	6,560	6,510	-0.3%	0.5%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,090	1,080	0.0%	0.9%
Services	6,320	6,310	6,030	0.2%	4.8%
Government	7,860	7,900	7,870	-0.5%	-0.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,850	36,530	35,960	-1.9%	-0.3%
Mining	200	200	220	0.0%	-9.1%
Construction	1,630	1,620	1,860	0.6%	-12.4%
Manufacturing	1,990	1,990	2,040	0.0%	-2.5%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,680	2,680	2,930	0.0%	-8.5%
Trade	9,760	9,830	9,800	-0.7%	-0.4%
Wholesale	2,360	2,380	2,440	-0.8%	-3.3%
Retail	7,400	7,450	7,360	-0.7%	0.5%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,730	1,720	1,730	0.6%	0.0%
Services	9,920	9,960	9,640	-0.4%	2.9%
Government	7,940	8,530	7,740	-6.9%	2.6%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month July 1986	Previous Month June 1986	One Year Ago July 1985	Percent Change From June 1986	Percent Change From July 1985
All Items	322.2	328.0	327.9	322.8	0.0	1.6
Food & Beverage	302.0	312.2	309.5	301.6	0.9	3.5
Housing	349.9	361.5	361.2	351.6	0.1	2.8
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	203.2	204.5	202.8	-0.6	0.2
Transportation	319.9	304.7	308.6	321.8	-1.3	-5.3
Medical Care	403.1	434.8	432.0	404.0	0.6	7.6
Entertainment	265.0	274.4	273.9	265.7	0.2	3.3

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month July 1986	Previous Month June 1986	One Year Ago July 1985	Percent Change From June 1986	Percent Change From July 1985
All Commodities	308.8	297.7	298.9	309.0	-0.4	-3.7
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	255.6	249.5	249.6	2.4	2.4
Industrial Commodities	323.9	308.5	311.6	324.4	-1.0	-4.9

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	390.74	395.76	382.96	40.2	40.8	40.1	9.72	9.70	9.55
Durable Goods	416.15	425.18	410.06	40.6	41.4	40.6	10.25	10.27	10.10
Nondurable Goods	356.51	355.11	343.88	39.7	39.9	39.3	8.98	8.90	8.75
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	311.92	312.09	305.25	38.7	38.2	38.3	8.06	8.17	7.97
Durable Goods	340.00	344.80	325.44	40.0	40.0	39.4	8.50	8.62	8.26
Nondurable Goods	293.33	289.71	290.63	37.8	37.0	37.5	7.76	7.83	7.75
Food & Kindred	306.48	297.70	321.77	38.6	37.4	41.2	7.94	7.96	7.81
Printing & Publishing	259.25	266.91	264.36	30.9	31.7	32.2	8.39	8.42	8.21
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	309.14	316.46	316.86	37.7	37.1	38.5	8.20	8.53	8.23
Durable Goods	304.51	335.72	309.26	38.4	38.5	38.9	7.93	8.72	7.95
Nondurable Goods	312.20	302.88	322.10	37.3	36.1	38.3	8.37	8.39	8.41

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Divide	1,903	1,720	1,938	1,797	1,614	1,854	106	106	84	5.6	6.2	4.3
McKenzie	4,346	4,168	4,381	4,030	3,858	4,162	316	310	219	7.3	7.4	5.0
Williams	14,762	14,865	15,494	12,757	12,777	14,399	2,005	2,088	1,095	13.6	14.0	7.1
REGION 1 TOTAL	21,011	20,753	21,813	18,584	18,249	20,415	2,427	2,504	1,398	11.6	12.1	6.4
Bottineau	4,328	4,317	4,496	4,042	4,019	4,221	286	298	275	6.6	6.9	6.1
Burke	1,806	1,713	1,773	1,649	1,543	1,667	157	170	106	8.7	9.9	6.0
McHenry	3,485	3,262	3,506	3,045	2,860	3,142	440	402	364	12.6	12.3	10.4
Mountrail	4,071	3,890	3,705	3,661	3,486	3,426	410	404	279	10.1	10.4	7.5
Pierce	3,067	2,928	3,073	2,930	2,774	2,943	137	154	130	4.5	5.3	4.2
Renville	1,807	1,702	1,676	1,646	1,537	1,581	161	165	95	8.9	9.7	5.7
Ward	27,118	27,150	27,211	25,383	25,431	25,614	1,735	1,719	1,597	6.4	6.3	5.9
REGION 2 TOTAL	45,682	44,962	45,440	42,356	41,650	42,594	3,326	3,312	2,846	7.3	7.4	6.3
Benson	3,791	3,624	3,775	3,500	3,341	3,447	291	283	328	7.7	7.8	8.7
Cavalier	3,130	3,053	3,318	2,988	2,898	3,135	142	155	183	4.5	5.1	5.5
Eddy	1,742	1,643	1,769	1,620	1,512	1,660	122	131	109	7.0	8.0	6.2
Ramsey	7,005	6,963	6,955	6,717	6,654	6,622	288	309	333	4.1	4.4	4.8
Rolette	5,937	5,941	5,593	5,098	5,048	4,835	839	893	758	14.1	15.0	13.6
Towner	2,057	2,013	2,114	1,993	1,930	2,050	64	83	64	3.1	4.1	3.0
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,662	23,237	23,524	21,916	21,383	21,749	1,746	1,854	1,775	7.4	8.0	7.5
Grand Forks	35,990	36,035	34,966	34,632	34,583	33,798	1,358	1,452	1,168	3.8	4.0	3.3
Nelson	2,405	2,301	2,504	2,268	2,175	2,389	137	126	115	5.7	5.5	4.6
Pembina	6,369	6,104	6,110	5,874	5,636	5,672	495	468	438	7.8	7.7	7.2
Walsh	9,230	8,832	9,049	8,718	8,385	8,567	512	447	482	5.5	5.1	5.3
REGION 4 TOTAL	53,994	53,272	52,629	51,492	50,779	50,426	2,502	2,493	2,203	4.6	4.7	4.2
Cass	55,618	56,449	54,815	53,496	54,282	52,902	2,122	2,167	1,913	3.8	3.8	3.5
Ransom	3,157	3,018	3,153	3,069	2,912	3,042	88	106	111	2.8	3.5	3.5
Richland	9,284	8,986	9,406	8,856	8,593	8,826	428	393	580	4.6	4.4	6.2
Sargent	2,959	2,821	3,060	2,816	2,678	2,933	143	143	127	4.8	5.1	4.2
Steele	1,586	1,447	1,641	1,500	1,379	1,597	86	68	44	5.4	4.7	2.7
Traill	5,033	4,798	5,066	4,693	4,557	4,763	340	241	303	6.8	5.0	6.0
REGION 5 TOTAL	77,637	77,519	77,141	74,430	74,401	74,063	3,207	3,118	3,078	4.1	4.0	4.0

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
County	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
Barnes	6,578	6,493	6,842	6,357	6,212	6,485	221	281	357	3.4	4.3	5.2
Dickey	3,889	3,787	3,979	3,771	3,678	3,852	118	109	127	3.0	2.9	3.2
Foster	2,523	2,407	2,527	2,388	2,259	2,423	135	148	104	5.4	6.1	4.1
Griggs	1,881	1,739	1,876	1,818	1,674	1,807	63	65	69	3.3	3.7	3.7
La Moure	2,991	2,836	3,096	2,868	2,712	2,985	123	124	111	4.1	4.4	3.6
Logan	1,949	1,774	1,848	1,897	1,728	1,783	52	46	65	2.7	2.6	3.5
McIntosh	2,738	2,585	2,795	2,633	2,454	2,707	105	131	88	3.8	5.1	3.1
Stutsman	13,695	13,612	13,636	13,119	12,916	13,042	576	696	594	4.2	5.1	4.4
Wells	3,470	3,304	3,534	3,293	3,133	3,360	177	171	174	5.1	5.2	4.9
REGION 6 TOTAL	39,714	38,537	40,133	38,144	36,766	38,444	1,570	1,771	1,689	4.0	4.6	4.2
Burleigh	32,377	32,895	32,127	30,277	30,611	30,345	2,100	2,284	1,782	6.5	6.9	5.5
Emmons	2,789	2,662	2,888	2,634	2,484	2,735	155	178	153	5.6	6.7	5.3
Grant	2,662	2,373	2,726	2,508	2,247	2,575	154	126	151	5.8	5.3	5.5
Kidder	2,087	1,884	2,007	1,893	1,718	1,887	194	166	120	9.3	8.8	6.0
McLean	5,269	5,076	5,533	4,797	4,644	5,065	472	432	468	9.0	8.5	8.5
Mercer	6,016	6,134	7,268	5,323	5,438	6,551	693	696	717	11.5	11.3	9.9
Morton	14,531	14,713	14,578	13,604	13,754	13,635	927	959	943	6.4	6.5	6.5
Oliver	1,577	1,404	1,326	1,471	1,286	1,212	106	118	114	6.7	8.4	8.6
Sheridan	1,673	1,490	1,665	1,597	1,404	1,597	76	86	68	4.5	5.8	4.1
Sioux	1,474	1,425	1,452	1,247	1,233	1,252	227	192	200	15.4	13.5	13.8
REGION 7 TOTAL	70,455	70,056	71,570	65,351	64,819	66,854	5,104	5,237	4,716	7.2	7.5	6.6
Adams	2,077	1,960	2,065	2,003	1,891	2,024	74	69	41	3.6	3.5	2.0
Billings	1,295	1,172	1,264	1,259	1,118	1,242	36	54	22	2.8	4.6	1.7
Bowman	2,660	2,605	2,741	2,495	2,443	2,639	165	162	102	6.2	6.2	3.7
Dunn	2,462	2,233	2,633	2,269	2,045	2,433	193	188	200	7.8	8.4	7.6
Golden Valley	1,215	1,243	1,334	1,152	1,175	1,256	63	68	78	5.2	5.5	5.8
Hettinger	2,526	2,333	2,549	2,393	2,232	2,472	133	101	77	5.3	4.3	3.0
Slope	747	614	715	614	534	664	133	80	51	17.8	13.0	7.1
Stark	13,602	13,586	13,952	12,266	12,176	13,015	1,336	1,410	937	9.8	10.4	6.7
REGION 8 TOTAL	26,584	25,746	27,253	24,451	23,614	25,745	2,133	2,132	1,508	8.0	8.3	5.5
STATE TOTAL	358,739	354,082	359,503	336,724	331,661	340,290	22,015	22,421	19,213	6.1	6.3	5.3

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	June 1986	July 1985
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	119,744	119,796	116,976	-0-	2.4
Employment	111,554	111,353	108,575	0.2	2.7
Unemployment	8,190	8,443	8,401	-3.0	-2.5
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.0%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	358,740	354,080	359,500	1.3	-0.2
Employment	336,720	331,660	340,290	1.5	-1.0
Unemployment	22,020	22,420	19,210	-1.8	14.6
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.3%	5.3%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	82,210	83,360	81,120	-1.4	1.3
Employment	78,920	79,950	78,030	-1.3	1.1
Unemployment	3,290	3,410	3,090	-3.5	6.5
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,990	36,030	34,970	-0.1	2.9
Employment	34,630	34,580	33,800	0.1	2.5
Unemployment	1,360	1,450	1,170	-6.2	16.2
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.0%	3.3%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,910	47,610	46,710	-1.5	0.4
Employment	43,880	44,370	43,980	-1.1	-0.2
Unemployment	3,030	3,240	2,730	-6.5	11.0
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.8%	5.8%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JUNE1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	354,080	366,400	2,287,900	423,100
Employment	331,660	351,100	2,174,100	392,600
Unemployment	22,420	15,300	113,800	30,500
Unemployment Rate	6.3	4.2	5.0	7.2

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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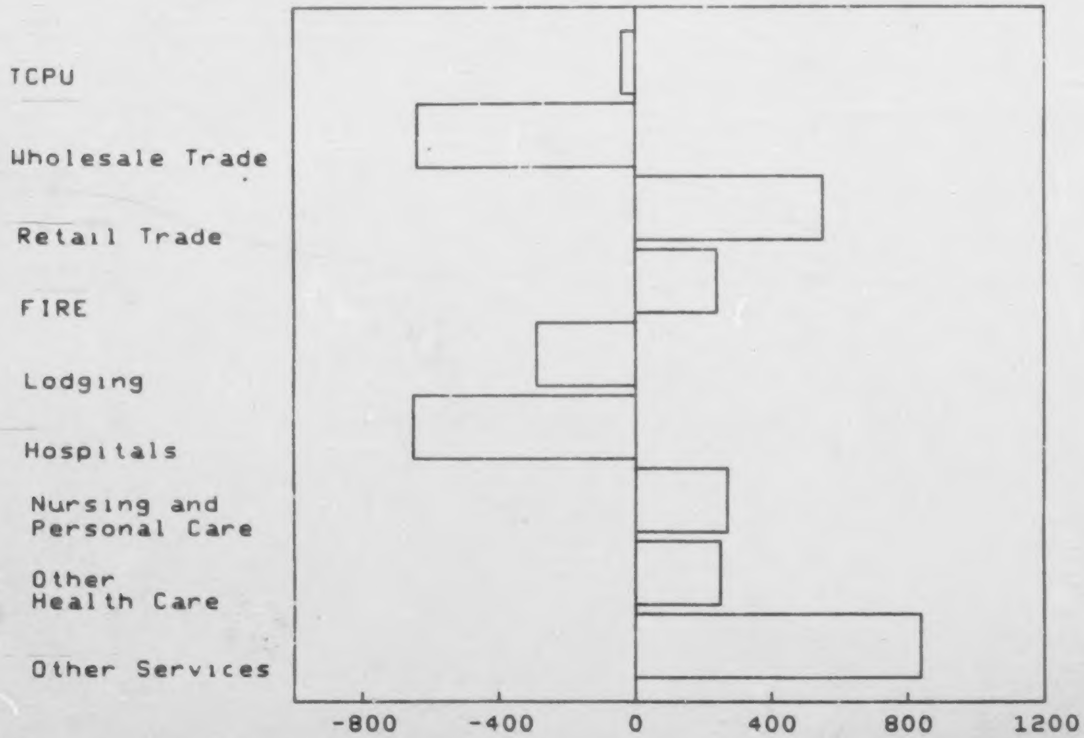

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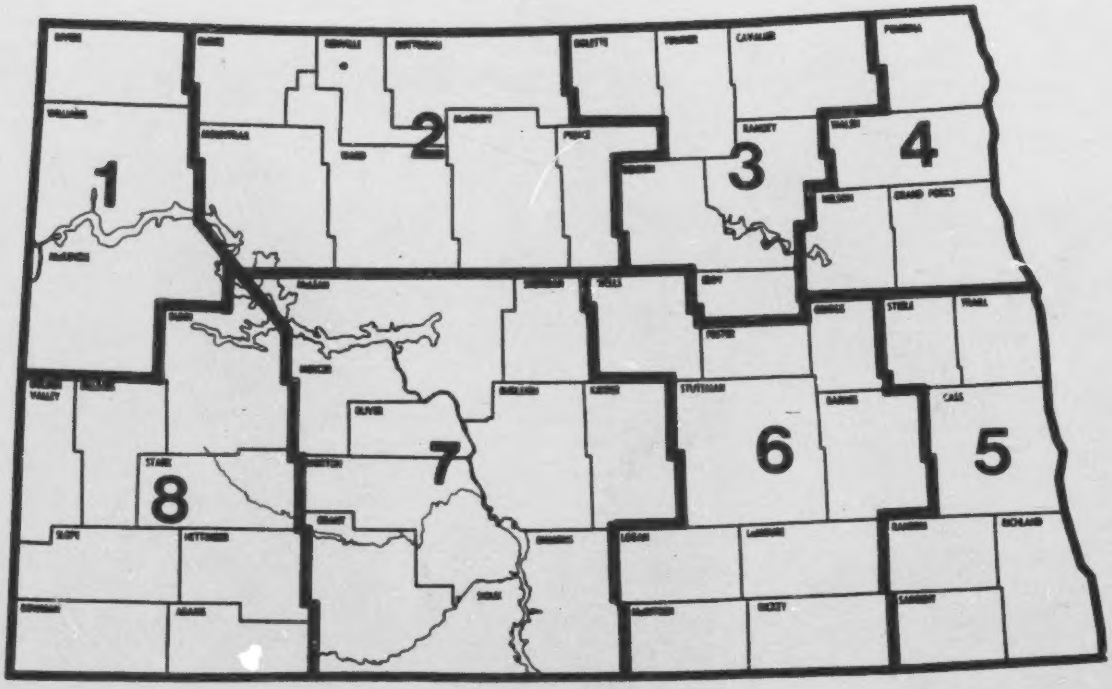

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Labor force, employment, and hours and earnings estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

THE CHARACTER GROWTH IN NORTH DAKOTA'S SERVICES-PRODUCING INDUSTRIES

Compared to goods-producing industries, services-producing industries at both the national and state level have experienced much higher job-growth rates. Higher job-growth rates are expected to characterize the future of the services-producing sector as well. A review of recent employment changes in the industries which make up this sector can provide us with a more concrete understanding of how North Dakota's labor market is being shaped. From 1984 to 1985, nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined by 1,260 jobs. However, employment in the services-producing sector grew by 530 jobs. Employment in retail trade increased by 550 jobs, and 240 jobs were added to finance, insurance, and real estate. These job gains were nearly offset by employment decreases of 40 jobs in transportation, communications, and public utilities, and by 640 jobs in wholesale trade. The growth in employment among service-producing industries, then, is confined to selected industries and does not appear to be broadly based. Business, personal, and recreation services, for example, grew by 840 jobs while lodging declined by 290 jobs between 1984 and 1985.

For several reasons, but in large part due to a new method the federal government uses to reimburse hospitals for medicare expenditures, employment growth in the health care industry appears to be slowing and changing direction in comparison to its recent historic trend.

Employment in hospitals rose from 11,640 jobs in 1980 to 13,200 jobs in 1983 (+13.4%). The number of jobs declined to 13,060 in 1984, and declined further in 1985 to 12,410 jobs. Over the same period, employment in nursing and personal care services, and in other health care services such as dentists offices continued to grow. Thus, although employment in hospitals declined during the two most recent years, employment in health care services as a whole continues to grow. And indications are that hospitals are beginning to bring more and more types of health care services, including nursing home services, into their firms, making the distinction between hospitals and many other types of specialized health care services less and less meaningful. Indeed, the transformation of the health care industry appears to be having an influence on the ". . . number of jobs, hours of work, skill levels, and mix of occupations . . ." found in hospitals according to study results published in a recent (August) article in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Monthly Labor Review. A study of metropolitan hospitals suggests " . . . that the major impact of the decline in hospital employment is being felt in " . . . less skilled . . . occupations. . ." while employment growth continues to occur in technological specialties and in medical records occupations.

The health care industry provides us with a good example of the selective nature of employment growth in services-producing industries and illustrates the way in which the demand for skills is affected by technical innovation and a change in the direction of growth.

Employment growth in the services-producing industries, far from being a straightforward matter, has the potential of bringing about circumstances in the labor market that are both complex and novel.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
				One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	July 1986	August 1985
TOTAL	248,500	249,250	252,280	-0.3%	-1.5%
MINING	4,680	4,590	7,080	2.0%	-33.9%
Coal	1,210	1,210	1,380	0.0%	-12.3%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,960	2,880	5,170	2.8%	-42.7%
Other Mining	510	500	530	2.0%	-3.8%
CONSTRUCTION	13,330	12,970	14,580	2.8%	-8.6%
Building Construction	3,740	3,590	3,980	4.2%	-6.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	4,170	4,060	4,670	2.7%	-10.7%
Special Trade Construction	5,420	5,320	5,930	1.9%	-8.6%
MANUFACTURING	15,280	15,650	15,430	-2.4%	-1.0%
Durable Goods	6,440	6,460	6,710	-0.3%	-4.0%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	950	950	1,070	0.0%	-11.2%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	670	670	690	0.0%	-2.9%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,720	3,710	3,930	0.3%	-5.3%
Other Durable Goods	1,100	1,130	1,020	-2.7%	7.8%
Nondurable Goods	8,840	9,190	8,720	-3.8%	1.4%
Food & Kindred Products	4,230	4,580	4,190	-7.6%	1.0%
Dairy Products	930	930	980	0.0%	-5.1%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,130	1,510	1,130	-25.2%	0.0%
Bakery Products	420	420	440	0.0%	-4.5%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,750	1,720	1,640	1.7%	6.7%
Printing & Publishing	2,390	2,400	2,390	-0.4%	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,220	2,210	2,140	0.5%	3.7%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,510	15,550	16,400	-0.3%	-5.4%
Transportation	7,370	7,430	7,650	-0.8%	-3.7%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,070	4,110	4,170	-1.0%	-2.4%
Other Transportation	3,300	3,320	3,480	-0.6%	-5.2%
Communications	3,290	3,260	3,510	0.9%	-6.3%
Public Utilities	4,850	4,860	5,240	-0.2%	-7.4%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	July 1986	August 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,760	19,770	20,100	-0.1%	-1.7%
Durable Goods	9,600	9,640	10,000	-0.4%	-4.0%
Nondurable Goods	10,160	10,130	10,100	0.3%	0.6%
RETAIL TRADE	48,480	48,130	48,550	0.7%	-0.1%
General Merchandise	5,910	5,860	5,930	0.9%	-0.3%
Food Stores	6,710	6,650	6,640	0.9%	1.1%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,880	6,870	6,830	0.1%	0.7%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,860	2,760	2,870	3.6%	-0.3%
Other Retail	26,120	25,990	26,280	0.5%	-0.6%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,730	12,690	12,650	0.3%	0.6%
Finance	6,930	6,910	6,880	0.3%	0.7%
Banking	4,320	4,300	4,380	0.5%	-1.4%
Other Finance	2,610	2,610	2,500	0.0%	4.4%
Insurance	3,820	3,810	3,780	0.3%	1.1%
Real Estate	1,980	1,970	1,990	0.5%	-0.5%
SERVICES	59,870	59,720	58,360	0.3%	2.6%
Lodging	4,270	4,250	4,490	0.5%	-4.9%
Nursing & Personal Care	6,490	6,420	6,360	1.1%	2.0%
Hospitals	12,390	12,420	12,440	-0.2%	-0.4%
Other Medical	6,680	6,660	6,340	0.3%	5.4%
Other Services	30,040	29,970	28,730	0.2%	4.6%
GOVERNMENT	58,860	60,180	59,130	-2.2%	-0.5%
Federal	9,640	9,660	9,630	-0.2%	0.1%
State Government	16,910	17,470	16,940	-3.2%	-0.2%
Educational Services	9,580	9,900	9,630	-3.2%	-0.5%
Other State Government	7,330	7,570	7,310	-3.2%	0.3%
Local Government	32,310	33,050	32,560	-2.2%	-0.8%
Educational Services	12,980	13,330	12,890	-2.6%	0.7%
Other Local Government	19,330	19,720	19,670	-2.0%	-1.7%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

				Percent Change From	
	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	One Month Ago	One Year Ago
Industry	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	July 1986	August 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	65,800	65,840	64,900	-0.1%	1.4%
Mining & Construction	3,860	3,660	4,110	5.5%	-6.1%
Manufacturing	4,790	4,660	4,820	2.8%	-0.6%
Durable Goods	1,930	1,820	2,000	6.0%	-3.5%
Nondurable Goods	2,860	2,840	2,820	0.7%	1.4%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,840	3,820	3,900	0.5%	-1.5%
Trade	20,540	20,520	20,170	0.1%	1.8%
Wholesale Trade	6,790	6,820	6,770	-0.4%	0.3%
Retail Trade	13,750	13,700	13,400	0.4%	2.6%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,470	4,470	4,300	0.0%	4.0%
Services	17,320	17,420	16,730	-0.6%	3.5%
Government	10,980	11,290	10,870	-2.7%	1.0%
Federal	2,140	2,130	2,050	0.5%	4.4%
State & Local	8,840	9,160	8,820	-3.5%	0.2%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	27,770	28,290	27,490	-1.8%	1.0%
Mining & Construction	2,000	2,010	1,940	-0.5%	3.1%
Manufacturing	1,280	1,690	1,210	-24.3%	5.8%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,390	1,390	1,470	0.0%	-5.4%
Trade	8,010	7,920	8,010	1.1%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,430	0.0%	-2.1%
Retail Trade	6,610	6,520	6,580	1.4%	0.5%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,110	1,090	1,100	1.8%	0.9%
Services	6,250	6,300	5,990	-0.8%	4.3%
Government	7,730	7,890	7,770	-2.0%	-0.5%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,290	35,790	36,300	1.4%	0.0%
Mining	200	200	210	0.0%	-4.8%
Construction	1,670	1,630	1,910	2.5%	-12.6%
Manufacturing	2,010	1,990	2,050	1.0%	-2.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,680	2,690	2,920	-0.4%	-8.2%
Trade	9,810	9,710	9,980	1.0%	-1.7%
Wholesale	2,350	2,330	2,430	0.9%	-3.3%
Retail	7,460	7,380	7,550	1.1%	-1.2%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,720	1,730	1,710	-0.6%	0.6%
Services	10,170	9,910	9,720	2.6%	4.6%
Government	8,030	7,930	7,800	1.3%	2.9%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month August 1986	Previous Month July 1986	One Year Ago August 1985	Percent Change From July 1986	Percent Change From August 1985
All Items	322.2	328.6	328.0	323.5	0.2	1.6
Food & Beverage	302.0	314.6	312.2	301.8	0.8	4.2
Housing	349.9	362.4	361.5	352.9	0.2	2.7
Apparel & Upkeep	206.0	207.0	203.2	205.3	1.9	0.8
Transportation	319.9	301.3	304.7	320.7	-1.1	-6.0
Medical Care	403.1	437.5	434.8	406.6	0.6	7.6
Entertainment	265.0	274.7	274.4	265.7	0.1	3.4

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1985	Current Month August 1986	Previous Month July 1986	One Year Ago August 1985	Percent Change From July 1986	Percent Change From August 1985
All Commodities	308.8	297.2	297.7	307.5	-0.2	-3.3
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	250.5	256.2	255.6	244.0	0.2	5.0
Industrial Commodities	323.9	307.7	308.5	323.7	-0.3	-4.9

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	393.98	390.74	384.35	40.7	40.2	40.5	9.68	9.72	9.49
Durable Goods	420.04	416.15	412.46	41.1	40.6	41.0	10.22	10.25	10.06
Nondurable Goods	358.49	356.51	345.39	40.1	39.7	39.7	8.94	8.98	8.70
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	309.20	309.89	308.18	37.8	38.4	38.0	8.18	8.07	8.11
Durable Goods	336.54	338.35	329.91	39.5	39.9	39.7	8.52	8.48	8.31
Nondurable Goods	289.87	290.22	290.60	36.6	37.4	36.6	7.92	7.76	7.94
Food & Kindred	301.84	303.69	324.69	36.9	38.2	39.5	8.18	7.95	8.22
Printing & Publishing	268.92	259.25	270.91	31.9	30.9	32.6	8.43	8.39	8.31
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	299.98	306.36	313.69	35.5	37.0	37.3	8.45	8.28	8.41
Durable Goods	291.33	309.08	315.98	35.1	38.3	38.3	8.30	8.07	8.25
Nondurable Goods	305.24	304.80	312.68	35.7	36.2	36.7	8.55	8.42	8.52

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
Divide	1,920	1,903	2,033	1,827	1,797	1,973	93	106	60	4.8	5.6	3.0
McKenzie	4,133	4,345	4,462	3,831	4,030	4,304	302	315	158	7.3	7.2	3.5
Williams	14,383	14,759	15,448	12,445	12,755	14,498	1,938	2,004	950	13.5	13.6	6.1
REGION 1 TOTAL	20,436	21,007	21,943	18,103	18,582	20,775	2,333	2,425	1,168	11.4	11.5	5.3
Bottineau	4,235	4,328	4,528	3,993	4,042	4,293	242	286	235	5.7	6.6	5.2
Burke	1,820	1,808	1,850	1,659	1,651	1,737	161	157	113	8.8	8.7	6.1
McHenry	3,518	3,484	3,569	3,162	3,044	3,263	356	440	306	10.1	12.6	8.6
Mountrail	4,148	4,070	3,806	3,769	3,661	3,547	379	409	259	9.1	10.0	6.8
Pierce	3,023	3,066	3,124	2,922	2,929	3,024	101	137	100	3.3	4.5	3.2
Renville	1,778	1,807	1,723	1,654	1,646	1,637	124	161	86	7.0	8.9	5.0
Ward	26,717	27,116	26,831	25,277	25,383	25,398	1,440	1,733	1,433	5.4	6.4	5.3
REGION 2 TOTAL	45,239	45,679	45,431	42,436	42,356	42,899	2,803	3,323	2,532	6.2	7.3	5.6
Benson	3,884	3,791	3,928	3,600	3,500	3,634	284	291	294	7.3	7.7	7.5
Cavalier	3,231	3,130	3,365	3,119	2,988	3,232	112	142	133	3.5	4.5	4.0
Eddy	1,802	1,742	1,809	1,714	1,620	1,717	88	122	92	4.9	7.0	5.1
Ramsey	7,061	7,002	7,103	6,845	6,714	6,828	216	288	275	3.1	4.1	3.9
Rolette	5,681	5,935	5,523	4,946	5,097	4,902	735	838	621	12.9	14.1	11.2
Towner	2,025	2,056	2,222	1,983	1,992	2,161	42	64	61	2.1	3.1	2.7
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,684	23,656	23,950	22,207	21,911	22,474	1,477	1,745	1,476	6.2	7.4	6.2
Grand Forks	35,006	35,957	34,995	33,565	34,600	33,737	1,441	1,357	1,258	4.1	3.8	3.6
Nelson	2,455	2,405	2,602	2,364	2,268	2,501	91	137	101	3.7	5.7	3.9
Pembina	6,012	6,369	6,120	5,559	5,872	5,708	453	497	412	7.5	7.8	6.7
Walsh	9,185	9,228	9,265	8,724	8,717	8,836	461	511	429	5.0	5.5	4.6
REGION 4 TOTAL	52,658	53,959	52,982	50,212	51,457	50,782	2,446	2,502	2,200	4.6	4.6	4.2
Cass	54,932	55,656	54,688	53,135	53,537	52,960	1,797	2,119	1,728	3.3	3.8	3.2
Ransom	3,215	3,158	3,235	3,150	3,070	3,129	65	88	106	2.0	2.8	3.3
Richland	9,514	9,283	9,493	9,101	8,855	8,924	413	428	569	4.3	4.6	6.0
Sargent	3,046	2,959	3,142	2,912	2,816	3,025	134	143	117	4.4	4.8	3.7
Steele	1,613	1,586	1,705	1,564	1,500	1,664	49	86	41	3.0	5.4	2.4
Traill	5,078	5,030	5,157	4,830	4,690	4,861	248	340	296	4.9	6.8	5.7
REGION 5 TOTAL	77,398	77,672	77,420	74,692	74,468	74,563	2,706	3,204	2,857	3.5	4.1	3.7

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
Barnes	6,669	6,577	6,875	6,471	6,356	6,584	198	221	291	3.0	3.4	4.2
Dickey	3,996	3,889	4,062	3,903	3,771	3,943	93	118	119	2.3	3.0	2.9
Foster	2,555	2,522	2,580	2,444	2,387	2,492	111	135	88	4.3	5.4	3.4
Griggs	1,930	1,880	1,939	1,884	1,817	1,882	46	63	57	2.4	3.4	2.9
La Moure	3,092	2,992	3,196	3,003	2,869	3,111	89	123	85	2.9	4.1	2.7
Logan	1,962	1,949	1,949	1,896	1,897	1,878	66	52	71	3.4	2.7	3.6
McIntosh	2,811	2,736	2,892	2,739	2,631	2,812	72	105	80	2.6	3.8	2.8
Stutsman	13,472	13,694	13,710	12,928	13,119	13,227	544	575	483	4.0	4.2	3.5
Wells	3,529	3,472	3,666	3,395	3,295	3,499	134	177	167	3.8	5.1	4.6
REGION 6 TOTAL	40,016	39,711	40,869	38,663	38,142	39,428	1,353	1,569	1,441	3.4	4.0	3.5
Burleigh	32,000	32,367	32,439	30,093	30,272	30,517	1,907	2,095	1,922	6.0	6.5	5.9
Emmons	2,878	2,790	2,957	2,745	2,635	2,828	133	155	129	4.6	5.6	4.4
Grant	2,724	2,661	2,826	2,591	2,507	2,707	133	154	119	4.9	5.8	4.2
Kidder	2,119	2,087	2,043	1,950	1,893	1,942	169	194	101	8.0	9.3	4.9
McLean	5,331	5,268	5,628	4,906	4,796	5,208	425	472	420	8.0	9.0	7.5
Mercer	6,032	6,015	7,333	5,420	5,322	6,652	612	693	681	10.1	11.5	9.3
Morton	14,361	14,528	14,720	13,521	13,602	13,712	840	926	1,008	5.8	6.4	6.8
Oliver	1,609	1,576	1,372	1,518	1,470	1,263	91	106	109	5.7	6.7	7.9
Sheridan	1,785	1,673	1,740	1,684	1,597	1,685	101	76	55	5.7	4.5	3.2
Sioux	1,535	1,474	1,454	1,301	1,247	1,262	234	227	192	15.2	15.4	13.2
REGION 7 TOTAL	70,374	70,439	72,512	65,729	65,341	67,776	4,645	5,098	4,736	6.6	7.2	6.5
Adams	2,120	2,077	2,141	2,040	2,003	2,096	80	74	45	3.8	3.6	2.1
Billings	1,283	1,295	1,202	1,253	1,259	1,183	30	36	19	2.3	2.8	1.6
Bowman	2,743	2,659	2,903	2,555	2,494	2,762	188	165	141	6.9	6.2	4.9
Dunn	3,006	2,462	2,690	2,819	2,269	2,523	187	193	167	6.2	7.8	6.2
Golden Valley	1,266	1,215	1,490	1,217	1,152	1,424	49	63	66	3.9	5.2	4.4
Hettinger	2,589	2,526	2,640	2,442	2,393	2,570	147	133	70	5.7	5.3	2.7
Slope	750	747	764	696	614	725	54	133	39	7.2	17.8	5.1
Stark	13,457	13,600	14,018	12,275	12,265	13,145	1,182	1,335	873	8.8	9.8	6.2
REGION 8 TOTAL	27,214	26,581	27,848	25,297	24,449	26,428	1,917	2,132	1,420	7.0	8.0	5.1
STATE TOTAL	357,019	358,704	362,955	337,339	336,706	345,125	19,680	21,998	17,830	5.5	6.1	4.9

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month	Previous Month	One Year Ago	Percent Change From	
	August 1986	July 1986	August 1985	July 1986	August 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	119,879	119,744	117,069	0.1	2.4
Employment	111,852	111,554	108,936	0.3	2.7
Unemployment	8,027	8,190	8,133	-2.0	-1.3
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.8%	6.9%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	357,020	358,710	362,960	-0.5	-1.6
Employment	337,340	336,710	345,130	0.2	-2.3
Unemployment	19,680	22,000	17,830	-10.5	10.4
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	6.1%	4.9%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	81,480	82,460	81,030	-1.2	0.6
Employment	78,820	79,170	78,120	-0.4	0.9
Unemployment	2,660	3,290	2,910	-19.1	-8.6
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	4.0%	3.6%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,000	35,960	35,000	-2.7	-0-
Employment	33,560	34,600	33,740	-3.0	-0.5
Unemployment	1,440	1,360	1,260	5.9	14.3
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.8%	3.6%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,360	46,890	47,160	-1.1	-1.7
Employment	43,610	43,870	44,230	-0.6	-1.4
Unemployment	2,750	3,020	2,930	-8.9	-6.1
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	6.4%	6.2%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
JULY 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	358.7	363.7	2,259.9	411.9
Employment	336.7	348.7	2,148.8	382.0
Unemployment	22.0	15.0	111.1	29.9
Unemployment Rate	6.1	4.1	4.9	7.3

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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